

Qatari Emir Visits Gaza

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JERUSALEM – The emir of Qatar on Tuesday became the first head of state to visit the Gaza Strip since Hamas wrested control of it in 2007, the latest step in an ambitious campaign by the tiny Persian Gulf nation to leverage its outsize pocketbook in support of Islamists across



The Emir of Qatar Sheikh Hamad bin Khalifa al-Thani arrives in Bait Lahiya, northern Gaza Strip, Tuesday, Oct. 23, 2012.

(AP Photo/Ali Ali, Pool)

the region – and one that threatened to ratchet up the rift between rival Palestinian factions.

The emir, Sheikh Hamad bin Khalifa al-Thani, pledged \$400 million to build two housing complexes, rehabilitate three main roads and create a prosthetic center, among other projects, a transformational infusion of cash at a time when foreign aid to the Palestinian territories has been in free fall. The sheik, his wife and the Qatari prime minister led a large delegation that entered Gaza from Egypt and sped through streets lined with people waving Qatari and Palestinian flags in a convoy of black Mercedes-Benzes and armored Toyotas.

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Grief Stricken



Teenage brothers charged with killing N.J. girl, 12

A teen who declined to be identified is overcome with grief at the crime scene on Clayton Avenue in Clayton NJ on Tuesday Oct. 23, 2012. Two teenage brothers, 15 and 17 years old, were charged Tuesday with murdering 12-year-old Autumn Pasquale, who had been missing since the weekend, prompting a frantic search by her small hometown until her body was found stuffed into a home recycling bin.

(AP Photo/ Joseph Kaczmarek)

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Pledging \$400m, Qatari Emir makes visit to Gaza strip

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"Today you are a big guest, great guest, declaring officially the breaking of the political and economic siege that was imposed on Gaza," Ismail Haniya, the Hamas prime minister, told the emir and his cohort as they sat on sofas in a white shed in the southern town of Khan Younis, where they plan to erect 1,000 apartments. "Today, we declare the victory on this siege through this blessed, historic visit."

In the West Bank, allies of Mahmoud Abbas, the president of the Palestinian Authority, who has struggled to preserve his own legitimacy, warned that the visit set a dangerous precedent of Arab leaders' embracing Haniya as a head of state and thus cleaving the Palestinian people and territory in two. "We call on the Qatari prince or his

representative to visit the West Bank too!" blared a headline on an editorial in the leading Al Quds news-

the advent of the Arab Spring. Where Egypt under President Hosni Mubarak once allied with Saudi Ara-



Gaza's Hamas prime minister Ismail Haniyeh, center left, and Emir of Qatar Sheikh Hamad bin Khalifa al-Thani, center, right, walk together during a welcome ceremony in Rafah, southern Gaza Strip, Tuesday, Oct. 23, 2012. The emir of Qatar entered the Gaza Strip on Tuesday, becoming the first head of state to visit the Palestinian territory since Islamist Hamas militants seized control there in 2007.

(AP Photo/ Mohammed Abed, Pool)

paper.

The visit signaled just how much the region has changed for Hamas since

bia to squeeze Hamas by keeping the border largely closed, Egypt under a new Islamist president, Moham-

med Morsi, opened the crossing to allow the Qatari ruler through. But the visit also reflected the unique foreign policy that has allowed Qatar to straddle competing worlds, bank-rolling political movements, like Hamas, deemed a terrorist organization by the United States, while maintaining strong links to Washington.

Hamad, who has ruled Qatar since 1995, has gradually transformed the tiny nation into a regional powerhouse, relying on its immense wealth to extend its influence. That has been especially true over the past two years, as Qatar has played decisive roles in the revolutions in Libya and Yemen and the isolation of the Syrian government.

Qatar allied with the West in helping oust Moammar Gadhafi in Libya, while financing Islamists on the ground. In Egypt, it has close ties to the Muslim

Brotherhood. In Syria, it provides cash and weapons to Islamists battling President Bashar Assad, and at the same time it hosts a large United States military base that affords it protection in a volatile neighborhood.

"Qatar is a secure little kernel with huge resources that has chosen to use those resources in foreign policy," said Paul Salem, director of the Beirut-based Carnegie Center for the Middle East. "They have no constraints. They can take any position anytime anywhere."

But eight months after Doha, the Qatari capital, hosted the signing of a reconciliation agreement between the Hamas leadership and Abbas, the deal has not come to fruition in the form of national elections. Then on Tuesday, the emir's visit drove a deeper wedge between Hamas and Fatah, the party of Abbas, and raised alarm in Israel. □

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Teenage brothers charged with killing N.J. girl, 12

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Associated Press

CLAYTON, New Jersey (AP)

— A teenage boy lured a 12-year-old girl into his house under the guise of getting parts for her treasured bicycle and then, with his older brother, killed her, police said Tuesday. The girl's disappearance had sparked a frantic search by residents of her small New Jersey town until a tip from the boys' mother led police to her body, stuffed into a home recycling bin.

The boys, ages 15 and 17, were charged with murdering Autumn Pasquale, who disappeared while riding her BMX bike Saturday, a little more than a week before what would have been her 13th birthday. She appeared to have been strangled, Gloucester County prosecutor Sean Dalton said at a late-day news conference.

The boys' mother had

come forward with information about a posting on a son's Facebook account, Dalton said. He wouldn't say what was on the website or discuss a possible motive for the killing, but said there was no sign of sexual assault.

Autumn was lured to the house, where they apparently lived with their mother and stepfather, for the purpose of getting parts for her treasured BMX bike, which she rode frequently and talked about on her Facebook pages.

Both brothers were charged with counts including first-degree murder, body disposal and tampering with evidence. The 15-year-old was also charged with luring. The boys' names were not released because they are juveniles, but Dalton said his office is considering trying to have the case transferred to adult court. The boys turned themselves in with their attorneys, pub-

lic defenders, but it could not be immediately determined who they are. The girl's body was found

cant property next to the home where the boys live, police said. The suspects had attended a commu-

residents said.

Autumn's BMX bike and other belongings were recovered from the boys' home, the prosecutor said. He did not detail all the items, but a backpack matching a description of the girl's was also seen being taken out.

One of the three teenage brothers who friends said live at the house traded BMX bike parts, according to a young man, Corey Hewes, 19, who said he was among those who traded with him. Neighbors also said the house was a place where teens frequently hung out and had parties.

The home is just blocks from Autumn's house and from the town hall, where thousands of people gathered for the tearful candlelight vigil to pray for her safe return in this town of 8,000 about 25 miles (40 kilometers) south of Philadelphia. □



Gloucester County Prosecutor Sean Dalton greets Paul Spadafora and Mary Pasquale, the uncle and grandmother of Autumn Pasquale at a gathering outside town hall Tuesday, Oct. 23, 2012, in Clayton, N.J., not far from where a body that Dalton identified as the missing 12-year-old girl's was found in a home's recycling bin.

(AP Photo/Mel Evans)

around 10 p.m. Monday in a recycling bin on a va-

nity vigil for her shortly before the discovery, several

Guantanamo court stalls over right to boycott



In this Oct. 15, 2000 file photo, investigators examine the USS Cole at the Yemeni port of Aden, after a powerful explosion ripped a hole in the U.S. Navy destroyer, killing at least 17 sailors and injuring some 30 others. Defendant Abd al-Rahim al-Nashiri decided to boycott the pretrial motions hearing to protest the use of belly chains to move him from his cell at the Guantanamo Bay prison. (AP Photo/Dimitri Messinis)

BEN FOX

Associated Press

GUANTANAMO BAY NAVAL BASE, Cuba (AP)

— A dispute over whether a defendant must be present during a military tribunal brought proceedings to a halt Tuesday in the case of a Guantanamo prisoner accused in the attack on the Navy destroyer the USS Cole.

Defendant Abd al-Rahim al-Nashiri decided to boycott the pretrial motions

hearing to protest the use of belly chains to move him from his cell at the Guantanamo Bay prison.

Prosecutors wanted the 47-year-old prisoner brought to court to explain his reasoning on the record before any discussion of other motions in the case. The defense objected, saying any use of force could traumatize a man who they say was tortured in U.S. custody.

The judge, Army Col. James

Pohl, decided after more than 90 minutes of debate that al-Nashiri must come to court Wednesday.

"Tomorrow, weather permitting, your client is coming," Pohl said, referring to Tropical Storm Sandy, which was forecast to grow into a hurricane and strike

eastern Cuba, potentially near the U.S. base early Thursday. The judge then adjourned the hearing for the day. U.S. officials had considered canceling the remainder of this week's pretrial hearing, which is scheduled to run through Thursday, but had decided

to go forward as of late Wednesday, said Kelly Wirfel, a spokesman for the Navy base. The military was forced to postpone hearings and evacuate officials and visitors who came to Guantanamo for proceedings in August because of Tropical Storm Isaac. □

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Candidates plunge into campaign's final 2 weeks

Associated Press

DAYTON, Ohio (AP) — President Barack Obama and Mitt Romney plunged into the final two weeks of an excruciatingly close race for the White House, with Obama accusing his Republican challenger of changing his positions so often he can't be trusted. The two are neck-and-neck, and Romney presented a more centrist approach to foreign policy during a Monday night debate — the last of three, and that one on foreign policy. The Republican's performance, however, gave the Obama campaign more ammunition to allege that Romney is willing to shift from or lose his more conservative positions to satisfy his more mainstream constituents. "We are accustomed to seeing politicians change their position from four years ago," Obama told a Florida rally Tuesday. "We are not accustomed to seeing politicians change their positions from four days ago."

By abruptly moderating his foreign policy positions, Romney is hoping to neutralize one of Obama's main strengths with the election only two weeks away. But the move toward the political center comes with potential pitfalls.

By abandoning several of his sharpest criticisms of Obama from the past several months, Romney risks upsetting some conservatives and reinforcing the allegation — levied repeatedly by the president during the debate on Monday night — that his positions lack conviction and leadership.

Obama's campaign released a 20-page booklet called the "Blueprint for America's Future" on Tuesday to promote a second-term agenda, responding to Republican criticism that the president has not clearly articulated a plan for the next four years. The plan includes spending more on education, boosting manufacturing jobs and raising taxes on the wealthy.

Neither side can claim the lead at this late stage of the race, with polls showing the race virtually tied nationally and in some of the key states. Obama's challenge is to convince voters who may be hurting financially that he is better qualified to lead the country back

ruled the day. Obama brandished a new 20-page summary of his second-term agenda and told a campaign crowd in Florida his rival's blueprint "doesn't really create jobs. His deficit plan doesn't reduce the deficit; it adds to it." Later Tuesday, the presi-

dent as more trustworthy than Romney. A Washington Post/ABC News poll last week showed 55 percent of likely voters said Obama is "honest and trustworthy" compared to 47 percent who felt that way about Romney.

Romney and running mate Paul Ryan's schedule reflected the strategy of driving up Republican vote totals in areas such as the Denver suburbs of Colorado and Cincinnati, Ohio. The challenger began his final two-week sprint in Nevada, where he told a large, cheering crowd in Henderson that Obama wants a new term for the same policies that have produced slow economic growth and high unemployment for four long years.

"He is a status quo candidacy. ... That's why his campaign is slipping and ours is gaining so much steam," he said.

Romney's aides dismissed Obama's 20-page booklet as nothing new, and the former Massachusetts governor said of the president, "His vision for the future is a repeat of the past."

During Monday night's debate, Romney largely expressed agreement with how Obama has conducted U.S. foreign policy. He dramatically shifted his position and agreed with the president that all U.S. forces should be out of Afghanistan by the end of 2014. Romney previously had criticized Obama for setting such a date for withdrawal, saying he was giving the Taliban insurgency and its al-Qaida allies a date after which the militants could begin a drive to retake the country. Romney also dropped the conditions he had set for troop withdrawal.

Romney even congratulated Obama "on taking out Osama bin Laden and taking on the leadership of al-Qaida," but he added, "We can't kill our way out of this mess. ... We must have a comprehensive and robust strategy." He did not offer specifics. □



President Barack Obama walks onstage after being introduced by Vice President Joe Biden at a joint campaign appearance, Tuesday, Oct. 23, 2012, at Triangle Park in Dayton, Ohio.

(AP Photo/Al Behrman)

to economic prosperity than Romney, who made a fortune as a successful businessman. Romney has exuded confidence on the campaign trail following his strong performance in the first debate on Oct. 3. Obama was campaigning in Florida and Ohio, two of nine battleground states that do not reliably vote for one party or the other, and that therefore will decide the election. The U.S. president is not chosen according to the popular nationwide vote but in state-by-state contests. With the final debate behind them, the economy

dent joined Vice President Joe Biden in what is likely to be the most crucial battleground state of all, Ohio. In Dayton, Obama said of his rival: "In the closing weeks of the campaign, he's doing everything he can to hide his true positions. He is terrific at making presentations about stuff he thinks is wrong with America, but he sure can't give you an answer about what will make it right. And that's not leadership you can trust."

Obama advisers see the new approach as a way to capitalize on polls that

US Briefs

No charges for CT woman who removed sign

VERNON, Connecticut (AP)

— Prosecutors are dropping charges against an 80-year-old Connecticut woman who tore down political signs including one that showed President Barack Obama with an Adolf Hitler-style mustache. The Hartford Courant reports that prosecutor Cynthia Baer told a judge in Rockville Superior Court on Tuesday that the signs were recovered and Nancy Lack won't be prosecuted. Lack wasn't in court but met earlier with the prosecutor. Lack was arrested Oct. 11 after she took down three posters being hung on a street in the town of Hebron by workers for frequent presidential candidate Lyndon LaRouche. The workers called police, and Lack was charged with breach of peace and larceny. Lack told WVIT-TV she lived through World War II and was angry that someone would portray the president as a Nazi. □

Sandusky goes from county jail to state prison

CAMP HILL, Pa. (AP) — Jerry Sandusky became a state

prison inmate Tuesday with his transfer out of the Centre County jail, his home since he was convicted in June of child molestation. The 68-year-old former Penn State assistant coach arrived early in the morning at the State Correctional Institute at Camp Hill, just outside Harrisburg, a state prison system spokeswoman said. He faces testing and evaluation that will take a week or more before he can be assigned a security risk level and sent to one of the state facilities as his "home" prison. At Camp Hill, experts will assess his mental state, physical health and education level, and determine whether he needs treatment. □

California surfer killed in shark attack

VANDENBERG AIR FORCE BASE, California (AP) — A surfer was killed Tuesday by a shark off a beach at Vandenberg Air Force Base in southern California, authorities said.

The attack was reported by another surfer about 11 a.m. off the coast of Surf Beach in Lompoc, the Santa Barbara County Sheriff's Department said in a statement.

The victim "had a friend who he was surfing with who saw the shark bite or hit the man," said sheriff's Sgt. Mark A. Williams. "His friend ended up swimming over and pulling him from the water where he received first aid."

The friend started first aid while another surfer called for help, but the victim was pronounced dead by paramedics at the scene. The Air Force said only that the victim was 38 years old and was not affiliated with the base, which allows public access to some of its beaches.

The type of shark involved and other details were under investigation. Williams said the man's identity will be released after his next of kin are notified.

It was the latest shark attack fatality at Surf Beach, about 150 miles (241 kilometers) northwest of Los Angeles.

In October 2010, Lucas Ransom, a 19-year-old student at the University of California, Santa Barbara, died when a shark nearly severed his leg as he body-



Surfers who were surfing with the 38-year-old victim of a fatal shark attack exit Surf Beach in Lompoc, Calif. Tuesday, Oct. 23, 2012. The attack was reported by another surfer about 11 a.m. off the coast of Surf Beach, the Santa Barbara County Sheriff's Department said in a statement.

(AP Photo/The Santa Maria Times, Leah Thompson)

boarded.

Hundreds of miles (kilometers) south near the coast of San Diego, a 15-foot (4-meter) great white shark is believed to have killed triathlete David Martin in 2008.

There were no shark warning signs posted at Surf Beach on Tuesday, said Lt. Erik Raney, adding that beaches don't typically post such notices unless the location had a recent shark sighting.

"We've had shark sightings up and down the Santa Barbara coastline pretty frequently recently," said Lt. Erik Raney, adding that the sightings are well-publicized.

Last month, warning signs were posted at Santa Barbara Harbor, about 65

miles (105 kilometers) southeast of Surf Beach, after a 14-foot (4-meter) great white shark was spotted by a surfer.

Similar shark sightings occurred along California's Central Coast throughout the summer and warnings were issued.

In July, a man escaped injury near Santa Cruz after being thrown from his kayak by a great white shark that bit through the vessel. An almost identical incident occurred off the coast of Cambria in May.

Death by shark attack is rare. There's an average of 65 shark attacks around the world every year, which typically result in two or three deaths, according to the Pew Environment Group. □

Paraplegic survives three days stranded in desert

FARMINGTON, New Mexico (AP) — A paraplegic man who says he was stranded in the New Mexico desert without his wheelchair dragged himself four miles (6.4 kilometers) down a dirt road for three days before he found help. The Farmington Times reports that 49-year-old Ricky Gilmore was found last week on Tocito Road, about 30 miles (50 kilometers) south of Shiprock.

He is being treated at the Northern Navajo Medical Center for acute kidney failure from dehydration, a sprained wrist and a blood infection.

Gilmore says he was dropped in the desert by a couple in a white truck whom he met while he was hitchhiking.

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Informant: NYPD paid me to 'bait' Muslims

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Associated Press

NEW YORK (AP) — A paid informant for the New York Police Department's intelligence unit was under orders to "bait" Muslims into saying inflammatory things as he lived a double life, snapping pictures inside mosques and collecting the names of innocent people attending study groups on Islam, he told The Associated Press. Shamiur Rahman, a 19-year-old American of Bangladeshi descent who has now denounced his work as an informant, said police told him to embrace a strategy called "create and capture." He said it involved creating a conversation about jihad or terrorism, then capturing the response to send to the NYPD. For his work, he earned as much as \$1,000 a month and goodwill from the police after a string of minor marijuana arrests. "We need you to pretend to be one of them," Rahman recalled the police telling him. "It's street theater."

Rahman said he now believes his work as an informant against Muslims in New York was "detrimental to the Constitution." After he disclosed to friends details about his work for the police — and after he told the police that he had been contacted by the AP — he stopped receiving text messages from his NYPD handler, "Steve," and his handler's NYPD

phone number was disconnected.

Rahman's account shows how the NYPD unleashed informants on Muslim neighborhoods, often without specific targets or criminal leads. Much of what Rahman said represents a tactic the NYPD has denied using.

The AP corroborated Rahman's account through arrest records and weeks of text messages between Rahman and his police handler. The AP also reviewed the photos Rahman sent to police. Friends confirmed Rahman was at certain events when he said he was there, and former NYPD officials, while not personally familiar with Rahman, said the tactics he described were used by informants.

Informants like Rahman are a central component of the NYPD's wide-ranging programs to monitor life in Muslim neighborhoods since the 2001 terrorist attacks. Police officers have eavesdropped inside Muslim businesses, trained video cameras on mosques and collected license plates of worshippers. Informants who trawl the mosques — known informally as "mosque crawlers" — tell police what the imam says at sermons and provide police lists of attendees, even when there's no evidence they committed a crime.

The programs were built with unprecedented help from the CIA.

Police recruited Rahman in

late January, after his third arrest on misdemeanor drug charges, which Rahman believed would lead to serious legal consequences. An NYPD plain-

Browne did not immediately return a message seeking comment on Tuesday. He has denied widespread NYPD spying, saying police only follow leads.



This photo provided by Jamill Noorata, shows Shamiur Rahman, left, sitting with Siraj Wahhaj at John Jay College of Criminal Justice in Manhattan, New York. Rahman, a 19-year-old American of Bangladeshi descent who has now denounced his work, was a paid informant for the New York Police Department's intelligence unit was under orders to "bait" Muslims into saying bad things as he lived a double life, snapping pictures inside mosques and collecting the names of innocent people attending study groups on Islam, he told The Associated Press.

(AP Photo/Courtesy of Jamill Noorata)

clothes officer approached him in a Queens jail and asked whether he wanted to turn his life around.

The next month, Rahman said, he was on the NYPD's payroll.

NYPD spokesman Paul

In an Oct. 15 interview with the AP, however, Rahman said he received little training and spied on "everything and anyone." He took pictures inside the many mosques he visited and eavesdropped on imams.

By his own measure, he said he was very good at his job and his handler never once told him he was collecting too much, no matter whom he was spying on.

Rahman said he thought he was doing important work protecting New York City and considered himself a hero.

One of his earliest assignments was to spy on a lecture at the Muslim Student Association at John Jay College of Criminal Justice in Manhattan. The speaker was Ali Abdul Karim, the head of security at the Masjid At-Taqwa mosque in Brooklyn. The NYPD had been concerned about Karim for years and already had infiltrated the mosque, according to NYPD documents obtained by the AP. Rahman also was instructed to monitor the student group itself, though he wasn't told to target anyone specifically. His NYPD handler, Steve, told him to take pictures of people at the events, determine who belonged to the student association and identify its leadership.

On Feb. 23, Rahman attended the event with Karim and listened, ready to catch what he called a "speaker's gaffe." The NYPD was interested in buzz words such as "jihad" and "revolution," he said. Any radical rhetoric, the NYPD told him, needed to be reported.

John Jay president Jeremy Travis said Tuesday that police had not told the school about the surveillance. □

Massachusetts: Fungus at meningitis-linked firm

JAY LINDSAY

Associated Press

BOSTON (AP) — Massachusetts state officials investigating a pharmacy linked to a deadly outbreak of meningitis said Tuesday they found shoddy sterilization practices and unclean conditions there, including debris-covered floor mats and standing water from a leaking boiler.

State officials also said the New England Compounding Center shipped steroids from the possibly contaminated batches suspected in the outbreak before it received its own test results confirming the drugs were sterile.

Gov. Deval Patrick said he's ordered state pharmacy



Dr. Madeleine Biondolillo, Director of the Mass. Bureau of Healthcare Safety, addresses reporters during a news conference regarding the Massachusetts pharmacy responsible for the meningitis outbreak during a news conference at the Statehouse in Boston, Tuesday, Oct. 23, 2012. The outbreak of meningitis, an inflammation of the lining of the brain and spinal cord, has sickened nearly 300 people, including 23 who died, in more than a dozen states.

(AP Photo/Charles Krupa)

regulators to conduct surprise inspections — the first of which happened Tuesday — at companies similar to the NECC and take other steps to tighten oversight. The state also has moved to revoke the company's operating license and the licenses of its top three pharmacists.

"Those whose laboratory practices caused this outbreak should never practice pharmacy or manufacture in Massachusetts again," Patrick said.

The outbreak of fungal

meningitis, an inflammation of the lining of the brain and spinal cord, has sickened 308 people, including 23 who have died, in 17 states.

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Egypt's top court to rule on constitutional panel

**MAGGIE MICHAEL
Associated Press**

CAIRO (AP) — An Egyptian court on Tuesday asked the country's highest tribunal to rule on whether to disband the body tasked with writing a new constitution. The delay in a ruling is a possible blow to liberals, since it could give Islamists time to finish drafting the contested document. The referral of the case to a higher court is the latest twist in a bitter struggle between Islamists and their secular rivals over Egypt's first constitution since it set out on a path to democracy, following the ouster of longtime President Hosni Mubarak last year. Islamists, who dominate the constitutional assembly, are racing to put a draft to a public referendum before

the judges rule, while leading members of the panel appealed for dialogue to

overcome the divisions. Leftist and liberal parties expressed doubts about such

a dialogue.

The work and the composition of the 100-member constitutional assembly have been the subject of fierce debate. The focus is the potential for stricter implementation of Islamic law, or Shariah, and empowerment of religious scholars that liberals fear could signal a turn toward a theocratic state. Along with the contentious role of religion in the nation's affairs, Islamists and liberals are haggling over other proposed articles relating to women rights, freedom of worship, presidential powers, immunity for the military from civilian oversight and undercutting the powers of the Supreme Constitutional Court. Supporters of the panel say it was set up by an elected

parliament and broadly represents Egypt's political factions. Critics counter that the process is dominated by majority Islamists, such as the Muslim Brotherhood of Egypt's new president, Mohammed Morsi, and more radical groups. A new constitution would be a key step in establishing a democracy to replace the Mubarak's regime, ousted last year in an uprising led by progressive, secular activists. But in the nearly 20 months since then, Islamists have emerged as the strongest political force. Morsi was elected president after the Brotherhood and the even more conservative Salafis party swept parliamentary elections, leaving the liberals with minimal representation. □



Court security evacuate Islamists who support the constituent assembly, as they chant "God is Great," following the High Administrative Court's session in Cairo, Egypt, Tuesday, Oct. 23, 2012. An Egyptian court on Tuesday has referred the decision on whether to disband the panel writing the new constitution to the country's highest court, in a new twist that would linger dispute over the panel and set stage for a show down between Islamists and court's secular judges.

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Hezbollah rejects international probe in killing

**BEN HUBBARD
Associated Press**

BEIRUT (AP) — Syria's powerful ally Hezbollah was accused Tuesday by Lebanese political opponents of playing a role in the assassination of a top intelligence officer who used his post to fight Syrian meddling in Lebanon. The group, which dominates Lebanon's government, rejected calls to refer the investigation of the killing to the international tribunal that implicated Hezbollah figures in the truck bombing that killed former Prime Minister Rafik Hariri under similar circumstances. Brig. Gen. Wissam al-Hassan was killed Oct. 19 in a car bomb that exploded next to his car in a residential Beirut neighborhood, shearing the balconies off apartment towers and killing al-Hassan, his bodyguard and a civilian. Scores more were injured. The killing has sent tremors

along Lebanon's most tenuous political fault line, that separating allies of Syrian President Bashar Assad and those who oppose him. Lebanon's two largest political coalitions have lined up on opposite sides of Syria's civil war. The Shiite group Hezbollah and its partners who dominate the government have stood by Assad's regime, while the Sunni-led opposition backs the rebels seeking to topple the government. Al-Hassan, a Sunni Muslim, was clearly in the latter camp, and his killing has led to sectarian violence in Lebanon, whose myriad sects have strong ties to their brethren across the border. At least 13 people have died in clashes between pro- and anti-Syria factions since the assassination — the deadliest violence in Beirut in four years. Lebanese investigators have yet to cast blame in al-Hassan's killing, but de-

tails about the plot made public Tuesday suggest it was an inside job by someone who tracked al-Hassan's international travels and monitored the secret office he used to meet informants. Those details offered new ammunition to anti-Syria politicians who accuse the Assad regime and Hezbollah in the killing. "I said from the beginning, 'Who killed General Wissam al-Hassan and was behind the terrorist attack?' They are the Syrian and Iranian regimes through the hands of Hezbollah," parliament member Khaled Daher said on LBC TV. Security officials say al-Hassan returned to Lebanon from Europe the night before he was killed but traveled under a false name and told almost no one he was in Beirut. Daher suggested that officials at the Beirut airport, a Hezbollah stronghold, tipped off the killers. □



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Russian brochure depicts migrants as tools

IRINA TITOVA

Associated Press

ST. PETERSBURG, Russia (AP)

— It was intended as a friendly guide to Russia for labor migrants from Central Asia, but instead it turned into an insult. The brochure with practical advice on how to deal with border guards, police and other authorities was illustrated with depictions of migrant workers as paint brushes, brooms and other tools of low-skilled work.

The anger exploded this week. The government of Tajikistan formally urged Russian authorities to remove the book from circulation, and representatives of the Uzbek community voiced their outrage.

Activists see the book, pub-

lished in Russia's second largest city, as a reflection of the discrimination against the growing number of impoverished, mostly Muslim, migrants in Russia who are working construction, cleaning offices, sweeping the streets and collecting the garbage.

"It's xenophobia pure and clear," said Lev Ponomarev, a veteran Russian human rights defender. "They show residents of St. Petersburg as humans and depict migrants as construction tools."

Even though "A Labor Migrant's Handbook" was promoted on a city government website, authorities denied any connection to the publication when outrage erupted after blog-

gers discovered it and publicized it online last week. A non-government organization that published 10,000 copies of the book in the Russian, Uzbek, Kyrgyz and Tajik languages insisted it just wanted to provide useful information about everyday life in Russia.

"We didn't mean to insult anyone with this brochure — on the contrary, we aimed to help labor migrants learn about their rights and avoid getting into trouble in this city," said Gleb Panfilov, deputy head of the Look into the Future group that published the book.

Panfilov said his group had people from the ex-Soviet nations of Tajikistan, Uzbekistan and Kyrgyzstan look at the proofs prior to publication and received no complaints. He said he couldn't understand the public outrage now, many months after its release.

But in a country where dark-complexioned migrants are commonly victims of hate crimes and frequently live in miserable conditions, others are not surprised



An illustration a Labor Migrant's Handbook reads HIP prevention in St. Petersburg, Russia. The brochure containing practical advice on how to deal with border guards, police and other authorities was illustrated with images in which migrant workers were represented as paint brushes, brooms and other tools. (AP Photo/Dmitry Lovetsky)

ancient Uzbek culture, with construction tools. And not only us, but also representatives of Tajikistan and Kyrgyzstan," Khaidarov told The Associated Press.

He said rights groups representing migrants from Tajikistan, Kyrgyzstan and Uzbekistan will consider filing a lawsuit against the publisher. On Monday, the Tajik government denounced the brochure as insulting and asked Russian authorities to stop its distribution, according to the Interfax news agency.

More than 1 million of the impoverished ex-Soviet nation's 7-million population live and work in Russia, and money they sent home totaled around \$3 billion in 2011, equivalent to around half of the mountainous nation's gross domestic product. Uzbekistan and Kyrgyzstan also have been major exporters of labor to Russia. Uzbek activist, Suratbek Abdurakhimov, called the publication an ethical mistake. "□

Indian advises against Mumbai gunman plea

NEW DELHI (AP) — India's Home Ministry has recommended that the president reject a clemency plea filed by the lone surviving gunman of the 2008 Mumbai attacks that killed 166 people. Mohammed Ajmal Kasab was sentenced to death in 2010 on charges of murder, conspiracy against India and terrorism, and the Supreme Court later upheld the sentence. Last month, the Pakistani national sent a petition to President Pranab Mukherjee seeking clemency.

The Press Trust of India reported Tuesday that the Home Ministry has advised Mukherjee to reject the petition. Government prosecutor Ujwal Nikam said the president would keep in mind the ministry's recommendation while considering Kasab's plea.

Kasab and nine other Paki-

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Chinese issue letter criticizing case against Bo

GILLIAN WONG
Associated Press

BEIJING (AP) — An array of activists, academics and dissidents are questioning the authorities' purge of Bo Xilai, demanding that China's legislature follow the rule of law and allow the disgraced leader to defend himself before lawmakers.

China's leadership is desperate to move beyond a scandal involving a former member of its Politburo that has drawn worldwide attention, and some say it is doing so at the expense of standard legal procedures. Left-leaning supporters of Bo wrote an open letter to the National People's Congress urging it to allow Bo to have his say. The petition has begun to draw broader and somewhat unlikely support, attracting signatures from exiled dissidents and rights activists who don't consider themselves in Bo's corner.

The legislature's standing

committee was expected to expel Bo during its four-day meeting starting Tuesday, a move that would strip Bo of his legislative immunity and pave the way for his criminal prosecution, likely in a swift trial.

The letter, which also has circulated on activist websites that are blocked in China, urges the congress not to expel Bo until he has the chance to address allegations against him.

"They should give Bo a chance to defend himself. The procedure has to be just," said Zeng Yuan, a local rights activists from Chengdu who said he signed the petition even though he does not support Bo.

"A Politburo member has been silenced just like that? This has gone against what the constitution says about human rights," Zeng said by phone.

Bo was one of China's best-known politicians until he fell from grace earlier this

year when a close aide disclosed that Bo's wife had murdered British businessman Neil Heywood. He has been out of sight, presum-

murder, as well as corruption and illicit sexual affairs that go against Communist Party rules.

Bo's reputation for cham-



In this March 11, 2012 photo, then-Chongqing party secretary Bo Xilai puts on his glasses during a plenary session of the National People's Congress at the Great Hall of the People in Beijing. — An array of activists, academics and dissidents are questioning the authorities' purge of Bo Xilai, demanding that China's legislature follow the rule of law and allow the disgraced leader to defend himself before lawmakers.

(AP Photo/Andy Wong)

ably detained, since mid-March. He was expelled from the party last month. Authorities have said they intend to charge Bo with obstruction of justice connected with the Heywood

pioneering social fairness and communist nostalgia made him popular among poorer Chinese and those who identify themselves as member of the new left — believers in a strong author-

itarian government that promotes more egalitarian economic and social policies.

But his maneuvering to reach the highest echelons of the Communist Party angered many in Beijing, while his campaign to promote Communist Party culture revived memories of the chaotic Cultural Revolution, Mao Zedong's radical experiment in class warfare to root out opponents of communism.

He also has been accused of trampling on civil liberties — making it all the more noteworthy that rights activists are coming to his defense. His anti-mafia crackdown in the city of Chongqing was rife with allegations of torture against suspects.

The open letter was drafted by Liu Jinhua, 77, a Bo supporter in the southwestern city of Leshan, who said the missive was sent by registered mail to the legislature. □

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Brazil: Man appears at his own funeral

SAO PAULO (AP) — A 41-year-old car washer shocked his family when he interrupted a funeral being held for him at his mother's home in the town of Alagoinhas in northeastern Brazil, police said Tuesday.

Police inspector Roberto Lima said by telephone that on Sunday Jose Marcos Araujo identified a body at the city morgue as being that of his brother, Gilberto.

Lima said that Jose Marcos took the body to his mother's home where a wake was held.

"The confusion started when news started circulating that a car washer had been shot dead," Jose Marcos' wife, Ana Paula, told the UOL Internet news portal. "Police called my husband and told him that his brother had been killed and his body was at the morgue."

Lima said the confusion was "understandable."

"The two men closely resembled each other and both worked as car washers," Lima said adding that the man whose body was in the morgue was named Genivaldo Santos Gama. He said further information on Gama was not immediately available. □

Report:

Illegal Mexican migration stabilizes

MARK STEVENSON
Associated Press
MEXICO CITY (AP) — The number of migrants crossing illegally into the United States from Mexico appears to have risen some in the first half of 2012, while the number of migrants returning to Mexico decreased, a report by U.S. and Mexican researchers said Tuesday. It was the first time the net outflow of migrants from Mexico has increased since the 2007 economic slump caused a sharp drop in both migration and the amount of money sent home by Mexicans working in the U.S. as migrants found it harder to find work north of the border. The report by Mexico's Colegio de la Frontera Norte and the University of Southern California's Tomas Rivera Policy Institute said the number of Mexican-born people in the United States seemed to have stabilized at around 11.7 million and might grow slightly by year's end. The number included Mexicans who migrated legally and those who crossed over illegally. "The recession-induced decline of undocumented migration from Mexico appears to have stopped in the first half of 2012 amid tentative signs of a renewed northbound flow," the study said. The



A member of the National Guard checks on his colleague inside a Border Patrol Skybox near the Hidalgo International Bridge in Hidalgo, Texas. The number of migrants crossing illegally into the United States from Mexico appears to have risen some in the first half of 2012, while the number of migrants returning to Mexico decreased, a report by U.S. and Mexican researchers said Tuesday.

(AP Photo/Delcia Lopez)

report is based on surveys done at Mexican border crossings, bus stations and airports and on U.S. deportation, repatriation and demographics data. It says heightened U.S. enforcement of immigration laws and state initiatives like one enacted in Arizona didn't appear to have persuaded illegal migrants already in the United States to leave. "Despite evidence of growing psychological effects on the migrants who are removed, the available data suggest that these efforts have failed to have substantial, ongoing effects on the size of the Mexican migrant population," the report said. □

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Israel:

Carter says two-state solution in `death throes'

JODI RUDOREN

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JERUSALEM — Three decades after leaving the White House, former President Jimmy Carter still functions inside the trappings of power, cruising through fiercely contested areas of this city Monday in a 12-car motorcade, with Secret Service agents stationed strategically as he surveyed the view from the Mount of Olives. But at 88, Carter, trying to nudge his agenda without an official platform, no longer filters his words for politics or diplomacy. On Monday, he ramped up his

years of criticism of Israeli policy by saying that Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu lacked the courage of his predecessors and that he had abandoned the two-state solution that has been the accepted framework for resolving the Israeli-Palestinian conflict for decades. And just two weeks before the U.S. election, he was almost as critical of President Barack Obama, saying his administration has shirked the historical role played by the United States in the region. "I don't think there's any doubt that Netanyahu has decided the one-state



Former U.S. President Jimmy Carter on a hilltop overlooking Ma'ale Adumim, Israel, Oct. 22, 2012. On Monday, Carter ramped up his years of criticism of Israeli policy by saying that Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu lacked the courage of his predecessors and that he had abandoned the two-state solution that has been the accepted framework for resolving the Israeli-Palestinian conflict for decades.

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option is the one he's going to pursue," Carter said, despite Netanyahu's professed commitment to two states, notably in a 2009 speech at Bar Ilan University. As for Obama, a fellow Democrat, the former president said, "The U.S. government policy the last two to three years has basically been a rapid withdrawal from any kind of controversy." He added: "Every president has been a very powerful factor here in advocating this two-state solution. That is now not apparent." Carter was here with the former prime minister of Norway, Gro Harlem Brundtland, and the former president of Ireland, Mary Robinson, on behalf of the Elders, a group of 10 left-leaning eminences grises convened by Nelson Man-

dela in 2007 that aims to promote human rights and world peace by, according to its website, "speaking difficult truths and tackling taboos." Carter and Brundtland met with President Shimon Peres of Israel on Sunday, and all three met with President Mahmoud Abbas of the Palestinian Authority on Monday, consulting in between with like-minded Palestinian and Israeli intellectuals. On Wednesday, they are scheduled to see Egypt's new Islamist president, Mohammed Morsi. A born-again Christian who served a single term from 1977 to 1981, Carter said he has been to Israel and the Palestinian territories about 30 times. He recalled swimming in the Dead Sea on his first visit, in 1973, and noted that there were then about 1,500 Jewish settlers in the

West Bank, compared with the 350,000 living there now. And he has long been an outspoken critic of Israeli policy, particularly in his 2007 book, "Palestine: Peace Not Apartheid." But Carter said Monday that the situation is "worse now than it's ever been for the Palestinians" because of the expanding settlements and lack of prospects for change. Describing himself as "grieved, disgusted and angry," he said the two-state solution is "in death throes," which he called "a tragic new development that the world is kind of ignoring." Surveys show Palestinians and Israelis overwhelmingly support a two-state solution, but intellectuals on both sides have increasingly been talking about a binational, single state. □



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up a sweet twist on a classic comfort food – a Lasagna of Melon and Mango with Homemade Chocolate Cake, Cream and Raspberries, matched perfectly to a Chateau Lupiac Gaudiet Sauternes.

The night was co-hosted by wine artist Clive Faustin, who is responsible for the Wine Portfolio and is the Account Team Leader at Romar Trading. Faustin reports that La Bodega wine store, located at Gutenbergstraat 4, Oranjestad, sells a variety of wines from Australia, Argentina, Chile, Italy, France, Spain, New Zealand, Portugal, the U.S.A. and South Africa, which are imported to the island by Romar Trading. Every last Friday of the month, La Bodega hosts a night of food and wine pairings, highlighting a specific region or wine-making country.

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Detroit Tigers manager Jim Leyland holds the William Harbridge Trophy after his team won the American League championship series against the New York Yankees at Game 4, Thursday, Oct. 18, 2012, in Detroit. The Tigers, who won 8-1, move on to the World Series.

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Old baseball hands to match wits in Series

JIM LITKE

AP Sports Columnist

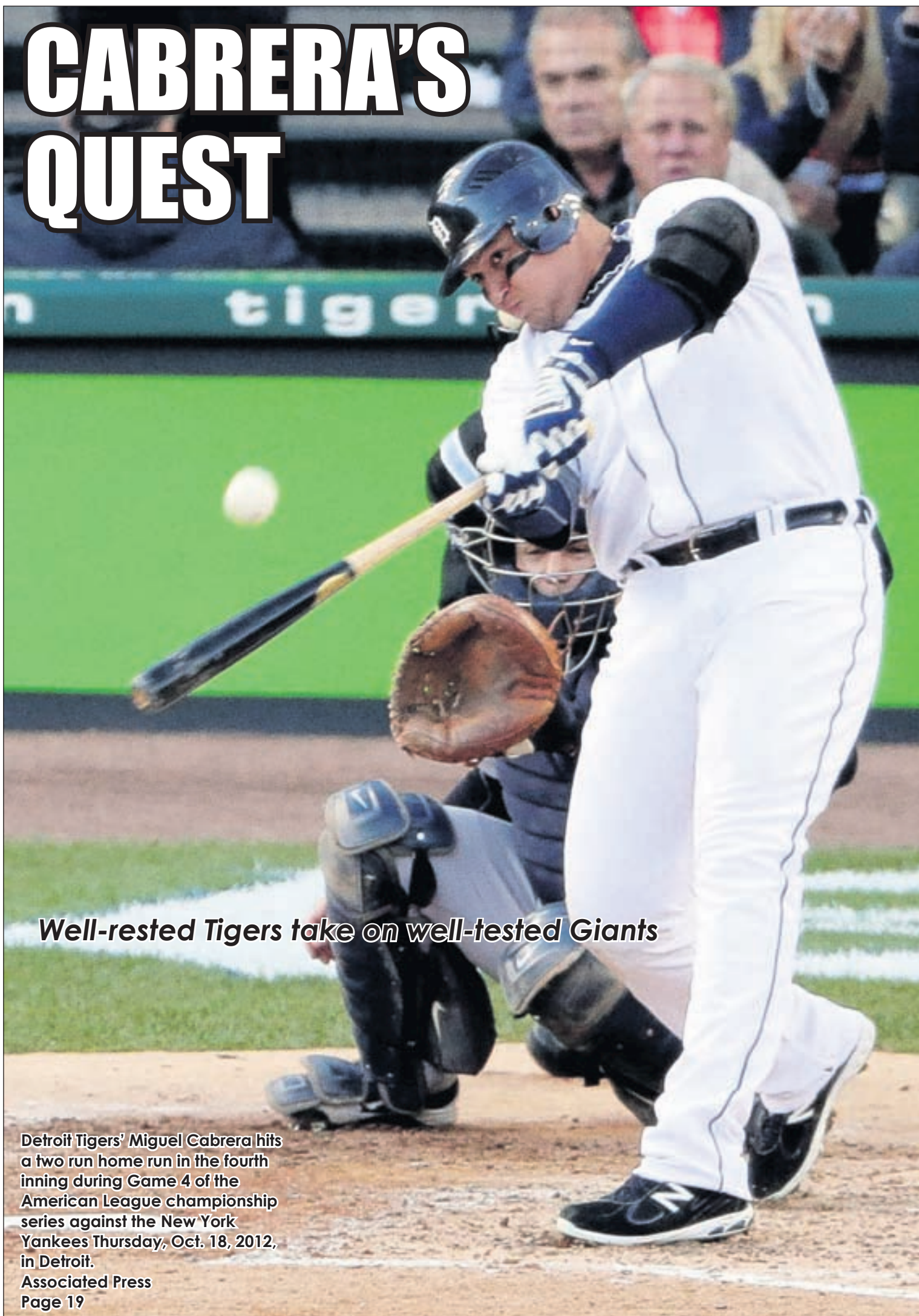
The longer it goes, the messier this World Series is likely to get.

Not that it's necessarily a bad thing.

Detroit skipper Jim Leyland smokes cigarettes to relieve tension, though a Michigan state law passed more than two years ago bans him from doing so inside the Tigers' home, Comerica Park. So opening the series in San Francisco might actually be a little easier on his nerves, provided he works out a way to sneak the occasional smoke in the visiting dugout hallway or somewhere else at AT&T Park. Otherwise, he's likely to chew through a lot of nails. Meanwhile, the go-to stress reliever for his Giants counterpart, Bruce Bochy, is dipping tobacco. He usually puts the tins away once the day-to-day pressure of the season eases.

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Well-rested Tigers take on well-tested Giants

Detroit Tigers' Miguel Cabrera hits a two run home run in the fourth inning during Game 4 of the American League championship series against the New York Yankees Thursday, Oct. 18, 2012, in Detroit.

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Serena Williams opens WTA Championships with win

NESHA STARCEVIC

AP Sports Writer

ISTANBUL (AP) — With the year-end top ranking out of reach, Serena Williams will settle for the title at the WTA Championships. In her first match since winning the U.S. Open in September, Williams defeated Angelique Kerber 6-4, 6-1 Tuesday to start round-robin play in the season-ending event featuring the top eight players in the world. "Obviously, I would rather win majors. I've been No. 1 and I would love to be No. 1 again. I think maybe one day I will. We'll see," Williams said. "I just feel if I keep winning tournaments, majors, tournaments like this, and playing well and consistently, the ranking will come."

In White Group matches, Agnieszka Radwanska defeated titleholder Petra Kvitova 6-3, 6-2, and Maria Sharapova defeated Sara Errani 6-3, 6-2 in a repeat of the French Open final.



Serena Williams of the USA eyes the ball to return a shot to Angelique Kerber of Germany during their tennis match at the WTA championship in Istanbul, Turkey, Tuesday, Oct. 23, 2012.

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Sharapova's win means she can still wrestle the No. 1 ranking from Victoria Azarenka, who plays Wednesday. Williams won Wimbledon this year before adding the Olympic gold medal

and the U.S. Open title. Between injuries and a curtailed schedule that generally includes a break after the U.S. Open, the third-ranked American had little chance of moving up in the year-end rankings.

The winner of 15 Grand Slam titles has only twice finished the year as No. 1 — in 2002 and 2009. She has played in the season finale six times and won twice, in 2001 and 2009, her final appearance at the event. Kerber handed Williams one of her four losses on the tour this year— out of 54 wins — in the quarters at Cincinnati.

In a match of two heavy hitters, Williams allowed Kerber to tie it 4-4 after taking a 3-0 lead.

"I am just feeling my way around, pretty much," Williams said. Williams yelled in delight after firing a backhand winner down the line for a 5-4 lead. She wasted two set points before Kerber put a forehand into the net. Williams broke for a 3-1 lead in the second and, pumping her fist and yelling "Come on," she went up 4-1.

She lost the first three points of the final game, but played a superb vol-

ley to begin the rally and clinched the match when Kerber fired a forehand wide.

"I really wanted to win today, obviously. When you are playing anyone in the top five, you just are trying to play better," Williams said. "She won the last time we played, so I really just wanted to do well today." The fifth-ranked Kerber ended last year at No. 32, but a place in the semifinals at Wimbledon and two titles have made her the first German to qualify for the year-end championship since 2001.

Kvitova entered the match with a 25-match winning streak indoors but she was in trouble early, losing the first three games. Although she recovered to draw 3-3, Radwanska broke serve again and served out the set.

Kvitova dropped her first two service games of the second, and broke back once. □



Berto insists he's clean, eyes Guerrero bout

GREG BEACHAM

AP Sports Writer

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Even after a failed doping test earlier this year, Andre Berto insists he has always been a clean fighter.

The former welterweight champion believes the only way to overcome the stigma on his name is by getting back in the ring with his eyes on another belt.

Berto and Robert Guerrero met Tuesday at the Grammy Museum to announce their Nov. 24 welterweight title bout in Ontario, California.

Berto realizes his reputation was indelibly stained by a positive test for norandrosterone in May, scrapping his scheduled rematch with Victor Ortiz at Staples Center. □

Boxers Andre Berto, left, and Robert Guerrero pose for photos during a news conference in Los Angeles, Tuesday, Oct. 23, 2012. The two will fight in a welterweight match on Nov. 24 in Ontario, Calif.

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World Series: Cabrera, Tigers vs Posey, Giants



San Francisco Giants starting pitcher Barry Zito throws during the first inning of Game 5 of baseball's National League championship series against the St. Louis Cardinals Friday, Oct. 19, 2012, in St. Louis.

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AP Baseball Writer

The World Series makes for a unique pairing. The San Francisco Giants and Detroit Tigers have been around for well over a century yet they've never faced each other in the postseason.

They don't have a lot of recent history, either. The clubs have played only 12 games since interleague action began in 1997, most recently last year. It makes predictions difficult.

Detroit is loaded with power bats and arms, managed by wily Jim Leyland and coming off an impressive sweep.

The surging squad from San Francisco, boosted by its rotation and talented catcher Buster Posey, is fresh from a Game 7 win over defending champion St. Louis.

A Triple Crown winner in Miguel Cabrera versus a perfect-game pitcher in

Matt Cain. The Motor City vs. the City by the Bay, starting with Game 1 on Wednesday in the California twilight.

"I'll have to learn a lot about them real soon, to be honest," Giants manager Bruce Bochy said.

"I know what a great club they are. And we know all about the guy we're going to be facing opening day and their whole staff," he said. "They swept the Yankees. That tells you how good they are."

Justin Verlander will throw the first pitch for the Tigers. Bochy said he hasn't looked that far in advance. "From day one of spring training, we're getting ready for this," Giants center fielder Angel Pagan said. "We're going to be ready. We're going to just keep playing baseball like we do."

Much has changed since then.

Prince Fielder arrived in Detroit this year after a sea-

son-ending injury to Victor Martinez, and teamed with Cabrera as a most formidable tandem in the middle of the lineup. Cabrera will be the first Triple Crown winner to play in the World Series since Carl Yastrzemski and Boston lost in 1967. The Giants bolstered their infield by trading for scrappy Marco Scutaro in late July, and he became the MVP of the just-finished National League Championship Series. They fortified their outfield a few days later by getting Hunter Pence from Philadelphia.

Closer Brian Wilson helped San Francisco win the 2010 World Series, but is out this season because of an elbow injury.

The bearded reliever became a loud cheerleader in the dugout as the Giants overcame a 2-0 deficit against Cincinnati in the division series, then rallied from 3-1 down to beat the Cardinals in the NLCS.

San Francisco closed out the Cardinals 9-0 on Monday, getting the final out in a driving rainstorm at AT&T Park.

The Tigers, back in the World Series for the first time since 2006 and trying to win their first crown since Sparky Anderson's gang in 1984, relied on excitable closer Jose Valverde until the playoffs.

But when he struggled against the Oakland Athletics and Yankees, Leyland looked for other options.

Leyland has certainly had time to prepare for this matchup — not that it's a good thing. The Tigers will have had five days off since dismantling the Yankees, and the 67-year-old manager will have worked out how to use ALCS MVP



Detroit Tigers' Justin Verlander throws in the second inning during Game 3 of the American League championship series against the New York Yankees Tuesday, Oct. 16, 2012, in Detroit.

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Delmon Young, with no designated hitter allowed in the National League ballpark.

The Tigers also had nearly a week off before starting the 2006 World Series, and the team from the Rust Belt looked rusty. Detroit pitchers made five errors in a five-game wipeout by the Cardinals.

A troubling trend, perhaps: The three previous times one league championship ended in a sweep while the other went seven games, each time the team that played Game 7 easily won the World Series.

Then again, the Tigers have Verlander totally rested for the opener.

The reigning AL MVP and Cy Young Award winner is

dominating this postseason, going 3-0 with a 0.74 ERA, striking out 25 in 24 1-3 innings.

Barry Zito is likely to pitch Game 1 for Bochy's bunch. Left off the postseason roster in 2010 — his poor pitching didn't fit with the Giants' self-described group of "misfits" — he has resurrected his career this year and made a key start in the NLCS.

Not so sure is what will become of Tim Lincecum. A star on the title team two years ago, the shaggy-haired two-time Cy Young winner struggled this season. Bumped from the playoff rotation, he excelled in the bullpen and earned a start, but was shaky in Game 4 against St. Louis. □

Guillen fired as manager of last-place Marlins

STEVEN WINE

AP Sports Writer

MIAMI (AP) — The lingering backlash caused by Ozzie Guillen's praise of Fidel Castro contributed to another Miami Marlins managerial shakeup Tuesday.

Guillen was fired after only one year with the team, undone by too many losses and one too many ill-advised remarks.

A promising season began to derail in April with his laudatory comments about Cuba's former leader. Six months later, the episode was a factor in the decision to fire Guillen, Marlins officials said.

"Let's face it. It was not a positive for the team; it was not a positive for Ozzie," president of baseball operations Larry Beinfest said. "It was a disappointment, no doubt about it."

A lousy team didn't help, either. The Marlins took high hopes into their new ballpark following an offseason spending spree but finished last in the NL East at 69-93, their worst record since 1999.

Miami's next manager will be the fifth for owner Jeffrey Loria since early 2010. The latest change comes

even though Marlins still owe Guillen \$7.5 million for the three years remaining on his contract.

"We all felt we had a pretty good ballclub coming out of spring training, and we just didn't play well," Beinfest said. "We all share in this. This is not a fun day for me, certainly not for Ozzie or Jeffrey or anybody involved. This is an organizational failure. But we felt like we needed to make this change so we could move forward."

There had speculation that Beinfest's job might also be in jeopardy, but he'll continue in his current role. The search for a new manager has just begun, he said.

"We could definitely use some stability in the dugout," said Beinfest, who has been with the Marlins since 2002. "We're looking for a winner. At times we've done a better job of identifying that individual. Other times we haven't. We're going to try to find the right guy this time."

In spring training, Guillen touted his team as well balanced and ready to win. But a dismal June took the Marlins out of contention



This Sept. 15, 2012 file photo shows Miami Marlins manager Ozzie Guillen talking with reporters in the dugout before a baseball game against the Cincinnati Reds in Miami.

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for good, and management dismantled the roster in July.

The season went sour from the start. Guillen's comments praising Castro in a magazine interview angered Cuban Americans, who make up a large segment of the Marlins' fan base. The Venezuelan manager apologized repeatedly at a news conference for his remarks, then began serving a five-game suspension only five games into his stay with the team.

"That was a very, very hard situation for me and the

people around me," Guillen said in September. "It was maybe the worst thing I ever did."

Marlins officials believe the damage was lasting. They blame disappointing attendance at the new ballpark in part over lingering fan resentment about the Castro comments.

Guillen was returning Tuesday from a vacation in Spain and was informed of his dismissal by phone by Beinfest in a brief conversation.

Guillen left the Chicago White Sox a year ago af-

ter eight seasons. Some 24 hours later he sealed a four-year deal with the Marlins, where he was a third-base coach for the 2003 World Series championship team. "I feel like I'm back home," he said at the time.

Loria traded two minor league players to obtain Guillen and gave him a team-record \$10 million, four-year deal. But by June, the Marlins had fallen below .500 for good.

Despite the frustrations of losing, the talkative, opinionated, profane Guillen kept his cool for the most part, and he repeatedly accepted responsibility for the team's performance. Mindful of speculation his job might be in jeopardy, he said two weeks before the end of the season he was glad he rented a house in Miami rather than buying when he took the job.

"With the job I did this year, do you think I deserve to be back here?" Guillen said on the final day of the season. "Of course not. But I'm not the only one. ... Let's start from the top. The front office failed, Ozzie failed, the coaching staff failed, the players failed, everybody failed." □

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But as soon as his ballclub hits a bad period or stumbles on a tough road trip early the following spring, Bochy reaches for the dip again. So imagine how many plugs of chew the strain of the postseason is going to mean.

"The triggers for me are at the ballpark," Bochy said recently. "The last five years I quit during the winter. I made it deep into spring training this year."

A weakness for tobacco isn't the only thing the two have in common, of course. They might do some damage to Major League Baseball's campaign to clean up the league as far as tobacco is concerned — dip is already banned in the minors and Congress is pushing to halt its use in big league games, too — but the suits in charge would



San Francisco Giants manager Bruce Bochy talks about his team after Game 7 of baseball's National League championship series against the St. Louis Cardinals Monday, Oct. 22, 2012, in San Francisco. The Giants won 9-0 to win the series.

be hard-pressed to find two managers whose crusty demeanor honor the game's traditions much better.

Leyland, 67, is a baseball lifer who signed with the Tigers organization as an 18-year-old catcher in 1963 and went on to hit a scintillating career .222 in the

minors. He endured eating in truck stops and being stranded on two-lane highways alongside buses with flat tires at 4 o'clock in the morning — all without complaint. But eventually, he realized his only chance to stay in the game was on the bench.

Close friend Tony La Russa gave Leyland a hand up by giving him the third-base coaching job in Chicago, where La Russa began building his reputation as a baseball genius.

Leyland's ascension took longer and involved more detours.

But back when both men were making names for themselves managing in the dungeon of Double-A baseball, it was La Russa who was throwing around compliments at his friend like confetti. And when then-Chicago White Sox general manager Roland Hemond quizzed his newly minted manager about hiring coaches, there was only one name on the list.

Pittsburgh scooped up Leyland in 1985, the first of his four managerial stints. Despite great teams, he didn't hoist a World Series trophy above his head until the deep-pocketed Florida Marlins gave Leyland the

chance in 1997 and the first words out of his mouth reminded everyone how long the road had been.

"This is for all the minor league managers, the guys in the instructional leagues," he said that night in Miami. "I'm a Double-A backup, flunky catcher. So don't give up guys."

Bochy, 57, knows how that story goes.

He, too, was a catcher, though he made it to the bigs before running out of steam as a player. A career .239 hitter, he played in exactly one World Series game, with San Diego in 1984. He went on to manage the club he played for — usually hamstrung by low budgets — but made it back to the World Series with the Padres in 1998, only to get swept by the Yankees.

Eventually he moved to San Francisco and wound up with a squad of grinders like him. □

Rams arrive in London to gear up for Wembley game

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AP Sports Writer

LONDON (AP) — Things are moving quickly for Sam Bradford and the St. Louis Rams as they deal with a change of continents and time zones.

Now their bodies just have to catch up in time for the annual NFL game in London on Sunday against the New England Patriots.

The Rams (3-4) arrived at Heathrow airport early Tuesday morning, and a few hours later they were on a wet field in Regent's Park in central London doing drills with local school children to show off the American version of football.

Not much time for resting up so far for the NFL's latest ambassadors to Europe.

"I can hardly believe we're here in London," Bradford said between drills. "Probably less than 12 hours ago we were back in St. Louis in a team meeting. ... I think everyone was a little bit tired on the bus ride here, but that's why we got here so early in the week so that we could acclimate ourselves to the jet lag and get accustomed to the time difference. So hopefully by Sunday it'll be a non-factor." The Rams are hosting the Patriots at Wembley Stadium in the sixth regular-season game played in Britain. The Patriots, who also played at Wembley in 2009, are practicing at home this week before arriving on Fri-

day.

As the home team, Bradford said the Rams are also taking their ambassadorial duties seriously and want to have a visible presence in London to help boost the game's popularity. That's why the players only spent about an hour at their luxury resort outside the city before hopping on a bus to Regent's Park to spend the afternoon with a couple of hundred school children running passing drills and other exercises. The event was part of the NFL's Play 60 program, which is aimed at encouraging children to do something active for at least 60 minutes a day.

"I think it would be really easy for us to come over here and lock ourselves up at the hotel and just go through our normal routines," Bradford said. "But I think this is a great chance for the NFL to expand their game beyond the states. And for us to be able to come out here and share our game with some of the local youth, I think it's a great opportunity for us." But while the NFL has enjoyed continually increased popularity in Britain since its first regular-season game here in 2007, it was soon clear to the Rams players that this is still the land of soccer.

"They just kick them," backup quarterback Kellen Clemens told Bradford laughingly after a group of kids

finished a passing drill by gleefully kicking away their footballs before moving on to the next exercise. "The kids are going, 'What kind of football is this? We didn't use our feet one time.'"

Of course, the British love of soccer is just an added bonus for kicker Greg Zuerlein. The rookie has quickly become a household name among NFL fans in the States after a spectacular start to the season, but is hoping the kicking game will get even more attention in Europe.

"They have a great appreciation for soccer," said Zuerlein, who grew up playing the sport. "In America, it's the fifth or sixth biggest sport. Here it's awesome, they love it. I feel at home."

Like most of his teammates, though, he had yet to find his bearings in the British capital.

"I don't even know what this place is, is it a park?" Zuerlein said, looking around the sprawling fields inside a Regent's Park that was covered in a fog so thick it made it impossible to even see any of the surrounding buildings. "My only time seeing the city was on the drive here."

The Rams have a close connection to British soccer, as owner Stan Kroenke is also the majority shareholder of Arsenal. St. Louis will be practicing at Arsenal's training facilities in Colney



St. Louis Rams quarterback Sam Bradford reacts with school children as he takes part in a NFL organized coaching session for some London schoolchildren in Regents Park, London, Tuesday, Oct. 23, 2012. The Rams are to play the New England Patriots at Wembley stadium in London, Sunday, Oct. 28 in a regular season game.

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on Wednesday and Thursday, and there are plans for some players to attend the London club's Premier League game against Queens Park Rangers on Saturday.

"I'm a huge fan," cornerback Cortland Finnegan said. "I'm like a kid in a candy store. I can't wait to get there (to Colney)." Other players felt the same way about Wembley, arguably the most famous ven-

ue in soccer. For linebacker James Laurinaitis, playing there will even continue a family tradition.

"My father was a professional wrestler, and he wrestled at Wembley, the old Wembley," Laurinaitis said. "So to be able to be a father-son duo, to be in the same spot, is pretty exciting to me. I used to watch that SummerSlam on VHS over and over growing up, that was pretty exciting."

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Sexy Halloween

By: Dr. Carlos Viana

"Deep down we all want to be desired"

As a Medical Anthropologist I am fascinated when I see a culture change or adopt a holiday. Here in Aruba as in most of Latin America, November 1st is All Saint's Day when we visit the graves of departed family members. We clean the tombs, decorate the graves with flowers, pray and remember our departed loved ones.

The Mexican and Filipino celebration of the memory of their deceased ancestors called El Día de los Muertos, or The Day of the Dead also occurs on November 1 and November 2, and is coinciding with the similar Roman Catholic celebrations of All Saints Day and All Souls Day. Yet, we need to realize that "A rose by any other name is still a rose". All of these celebrations are reflections of rituals celebrating the lives of our ancestors. Our Mesoamerican ancestors have performed these rituals for at least 3,000 years; where it was common practice to enact rituals to symbolize death and rebirth.

We appreciate that some of us do not need much rationale to party, but the adoption of Halloween on the eve of All Saint's Day has many social critics denouncing the adoption as Americanization influences. Perhaps, but cultures do not adopt anything unless an emotional need is being

satisfied.

Halloween observed on October 31, the eve of All Saints' Day is based on a medieval European concept of death, and is populated by demons, usually female witches and other images of terror. Our Indo-Hispanic custom of All Saint's Day or The Day of the Dead, in contrast, is distinctly different. Our celebration demonstrates strong sense of love and respect for one's ancestors; celebrates the continuance of life, family relationships, community solidarity; positive concepts! Then why has our culture so quickly embraced the ancient British and Irish Celtic festival of Samhain eve an occasion for one of the ancient fire festivals when huge bonfires were set on hilltops to frighten away evil spirits?

Professionally, in our clinic I witness endless medical complaints rooted in emotional problems. The psychologist, Carl Jung stated that you have two overriding tasks in your life; in the first half of your life you need to become comfortable with your sexuality and in the second half of your life you need to accept your mortality. All human activity is explained as work being done in one of these categorizes. I explain the rapid adoption of Halloween by Latin Americans as an opportunity to symbolically overlay our dominant emotions, sex and

death.

Besides the adoption, we are also experiencing that increasingly Halloween is a holiday for adults. Adults now represent up to sixty five percent of Halloween costume sales, a noticeable shift compared with years past. Also, we are observing that the costumes selling the quickest are those that are sexy adult Halloween costumes and games.

Most adults love Halloween because it is a great excuse to let your imagination go wild. Deep down we all want to be desired, to be seen as sexy and attractive. All that dressing up, play-acting behind the costume mask is liberating for many. The mystery of the mask allows people to do things they normally wouldn't do, without having to worry about the consequences such as gossip, rejection or a tarnished reputation. If no one knows who the person behind the mask is, why would they care about what people think of their actions?

Unfortunately, one holiday a year does not provide all the opportunity to learn and for our soul to grow. The path to true health is a journey to understanding who we are. In balance or health the opposites live together in us in harmony. Our existence on earth is experienced as yin and yang, up and down, light and darkness, love and power, good and evil,



masculine and feminine, and so on.

In our souls exists all that we human beings have experienced over and over again since the very beginning of human existence on Earth, and this wisdom becomes visible through several expressions including dreams, art, myths and in many cases a physical illness. When people are ill, there is for them an opportunity to find out what is going on deep in their souls because, frequently, a physical illness is an expression of a wound in the soul.

All feelings, sensation, including pain and medical symptoms are expressions of energy. Energy in your body is either free flowing and balanced or blocked and painful. One of the most powerful tools of the Healing Spirit is acupuncture that uses mainly fine needles, to stimulate points on the body to relieve pain and associated emotional block. There is considerable medical evidence that acupuncture is effective against nausea, pain, psychological, respiratory and digestive problems.

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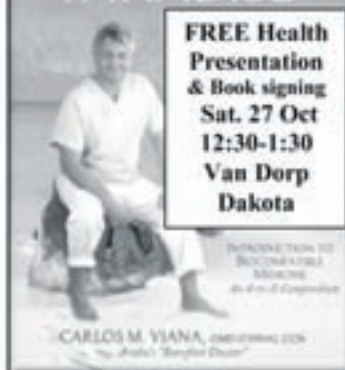


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Apple's iPad Mini much pricier than rival tablets

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SAN JOSE, California (AP)

— Apple Inc.'s pencil-thin, smaller iPad will cost much more than its competitors, signaling the company isn't going to get into a mini-tablet price war.

The company debuted the iPad Mini Tuesday, with a screen two-thirds smaller than the full model, and half the weight. Customers can begin ordering the new model on Friday. In a surprise, Apple also revamped its flagship, full-sized iPad just six months after the launch of the latest model.

Apple's late founder Steve Jobs once ridiculed a small tablet from a competitor as a "tweener" that was too big and too small to compete with either smartphones or tablets. Now Apple's own Mini enters a growing small-tablet market dominated by Amazon.com Inc.'s Kindle Fire.

Apple is charging \$329 and up for the Mini — a price that fits into the Apple product lineup between the latest iPod Touch (\$299) and the iPad 2 (\$399). Company watchers had been expecting Apple to price the iPad Mini at \$250 to \$300 to compete with the Kindle Fire, which starts at \$159. Barnes & Noble Inc.'s Nook HD and Google Inc.'s Nexus 7 both start at \$199.

"Apple had an opportunity to step on the throat of Amazon and Google yet decided to rely on its brand and focus on margin," said Bill Kreher, an analyst with brokerage Edward Jones. Apple has sold more than 100 million iPads since April 2010. Analysts expect Apple to sell 5 million to 10 million iPad minis before the year is out.

Apple shares fell \$20.67, or 3.3 percent, to \$613.36 when the price was announced. Shares of Barnes & Noble Inc. jumped 88 cents, or 6.1 percent, to \$15.32. Shares of Amazon.com Inc. rose 53 cents, or 0.2 percent, to \$234.31.

Apple starts taking orders for the new model on Fri-



The iPad Mini, at left, is shown next to the 4th Generation iPad in San Jose, Calif., Tuesday, Oct. 23, 2012.

Associated Press

day, said marketing chief Phil Schiller in San Jose. Wi-Fi-only models on Nov. 2. Later, the company will add models capable of accessing "LTE" wireless data networks.

When pre-orders start on Oct. 26, the iPad Mini will be competing for the attention of gadget shoppers with the release of Windows 8, Microsoft's new operating system.

The screen of the iPad Mini is 7.9 inches on the diagonal, making it larger than the 7-inch screens of the competitors. It also sports two cameras, on the front and on the back, which the competitors don't.

The iPad mini is as thin as a pencil and weighs 0.68 pound, half as much as the full-size iPad with its 9.7-inch screen, Schiller said.

The screen resolution is 1024 by 768 pixels, the same as the iPad 2 and a quarter of the resolution of the flagship iPad, which starts at \$499.

The new model has better apps and is easier to use than competitors like Google's Nexus, said Avi Greengart, a consumer

electronics analyst with Current Analysis.

"This really is not in the same category as some of the other 7-inch tablets," he said. "And that's before you consider that it has a premium design — it's made of metal that's extremely lightweight."

Jobs attacked the whole idea of smaller tablets in his last appearance on a conference call with analysts in October 2010.

"The reason we wouldn't make a 7-inch tablet isn't because we don't want to hit a price point.

It's because we don't think you can make a great tablet with a 7-inch screen," Jobs said. "The 7-inch tablets are tweeners, too big to compete with a smartphone and too small to compete with an iPad."

Job's chief objection was that a smaller screen would make it hard to hit buttons on the screen with the fingers — never mind that Apple's iPhone, with an even smaller screen, was already a hit at the time.

Apple senior vice president Eddy Cue started working on changing Jobs' mind.

In an email sent to other Apple managers in January 2011, Cue said the CEO had started warming to the idea of a smaller tablet. The email surfaced as part of Apple's patent trial against Samsung Electronics Co. this year. Jobs died last October.

Company watchers have been expecting the iPad Mini for a year and most of the details, except the price, had leaked out.

Apple also said it's upgrading its full-size iPad, doubling the speed of the processor. Previously, the company has updated the iPad once a year.

The fourth-generation iPad will have a better camera and work on more "LTE" wireless data networks around the world. Apple is also replacing the 30-pin dock connector with the new, smaller "Lightning" connector introduced with the iPhone 5 a month ago. The price of the new full-size model stays the same as the previous version, starting at \$499 for a Wi-Fi-only version with 16 gigabytes of memory.

Apple also introduced a

13-inch MacBook Pro laptop with a "Retina" display sporting four times the resolution of the older model.

The new model follows a 15-inch MacBook Pro with a Retina display introduced this summer, and goes on sale Tuesday for \$1,699.

The old MacBook Pro will still be sold, starting at \$1,199.

The new model dispenses with an optical disc drive and a traditional hard drive. Instead, it uses solid-state "flash" memory. This makes it 20 percent thinner and at 3.75 pounds, nearly a pound lighter than the previous model.

Apple also eliminated the optical drive from its new iMac desktop computer, helping slim the edges down to 5 millimeters, one-fifth the thickness of the old model.

That makes the edges thinner than most stand-alone computer monitors. It bulges in middle of the back, however.

An iMac model with a 21.5-inch screen will start shipping in November for \$1,299 and up, Schiller said. A 27-inch version will start at \$1,799. □

Netflix slashes its forecast for subscriber gains

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LOS ANGELES (AP) — Netflix slashed its prediction for how many U.S. video streaming subscribers it would add this year after subpar third-quarter results, causing a sharp sell-off in its stock in after-hours trading. The Los Gatos, California-based company said it added 1.2 million net streaming subscribers in the U.S. in the three months through September, which was on the low end of its forecast for gains between 1 million to 1.8 million.

Netflix didn't pinpoint the exact cause of the short-fall, but last quarter it said it worried that huge audiences for the Olympics would cut into viewing hours and sign-ups.

Viewing time per member increased 30 percent from a year ago and the percentage of people voluntarily canceling service was at the lowest point in the company's history. However Netflix said it was forced to turn off service to customers more often because it couldn't collect a valid credit or debit card.

Netflix blamed this inability to collect payment for higher "involuntary" cancellations. It said this was a

The disappointing subscriber figure caused Netflix to cut its estimate for full-year U.S. streaming subscriber addi-



A woman holds up a Netflix envelope to be photographed in front of a Netflix application on a television in East Derry, N.H. Netflix slashed its prediction of how many U.S. video streaming subscribers it would add this year after subpar third-quarter results, causing a sharp sell-off in its stock in after-hours trading. The Los Gatos, California-based video streaming company said Tuesday it added 1.2 million net subscribers in the U.S. in the three months through September, which was on the low end of its previous forecast of gains between 1 million to 1.8 million.

(AP Photo/Charles Krupa)

natural result "as we grow more mainstream and attract more lower-income households."

tions to between 4.7 million and 5.4 million. Previously, Netflix predicted it would gain as many as 7 million

domestic streaming subscribers by year's end.

It ended the quarter with 25.1 million U.S. streaming customers and 4.3 million in other countries. DVD-by-mail subscribers fell to 8.6 million from 13.9 million a year ago.

Netflix's stock sank \$11.04, or 16.2 percent, in after-hours trading to \$57.18.

In the latest quarter, the company earned \$7.7 million, or 13 cents per share, beating the 5 cents per share expected by analysts polled by FactSet.

Revenue rose 10 percent to \$905.1 million, in line with forecasts. Netflix has said it would take the profits it makes from its declining DVD business and its growing U.S. streaming operations to fund an ambitious overseas expansion. But slowing growth at home looks likely to put a damper on that enthusiasm. This month, Netflix rolled out streaming services in Denmark, Sweden, Norway and Finland. It already operates in Canada, the U.K., Ireland and several Latin American countries. □

Facebook sees 3Q loss, spike up in revenues

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NEW YORK (AP) — Facebook's third-quarter results inched past Wall Street's expectations, offering evidence that the company is making inroads in mobile advertising — a longtime concern among investors. Tuesday's financial results, Facebook's second as a public company, sent its stock sharply higher in after-hours trading. The stock jumped \$1.90, or 9.7 percent, to \$21.40 after the announcement. Facebook had closed up 18 cents at \$19.50 in regular trading on a day that saw the Dow Jones Industrial Average drop 243 points, or 1.8 percent.

The world's biggest social media company posted a loss of \$59 million, or 2 cents per share, in the July-September period. That's down from earnings of \$227 million, or 10 cents per share a year ago, when Facebook was still privately held.

Excluding special items, mainly related stock compensation expenses, Facebook Inc. earned \$311 million, or 12 cents per share, in the latest quarter, a penny better than what analysts were expecting.

Revenue rose 32 percent to \$1.26 billion from \$954 million. Analysts had expected earnings of 11 cents per share on revenue of \$1.23 billion, according to FactSet.

Facebook's monthly user base grew 26 percent from a year earlier, to 1.01 billion. Some 60 percent of users access Facebook using a mobile device, the company said.

"People who use our mobile products are more engaged, and we believe we can increase engagement even further as we continue to introduce new products and improve our platform," said CEO Mark Zuckerberg in a statement. "At the same time, we are deeply integrating monetization into our product teams in order to build a stronger, more valuable company." □

Amgen 3Q profit bright spot on dark day

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TRENTON, New Jersey (AP)

— Biotech drugmaker Amgen Inc. said Tuesday that its third-quarter profit more than doubled from a year ago, when a huge legal reserve charge weighed down results. It trounced Wall Street expectations and raised its profit forecast sharply.

The maker of anemia drugs Aranesp and Epogen said net income was \$1.11 billion, or \$1.41 per share. That's up from \$454 million, or 50 cents a share, in 2011's third quarter.

Adjusted income was \$1.31 billion, or \$1.67 per share. Analysts expected \$1.48.

A year earlier, adjusted income was \$1.28 billion, or \$1.40 per share. That excluded a charge of \$780 million, or 77 cents per share after taxes, for legal reserves to cover a pro-

posed settlement of government and whistleblower investigations into the company's marketing practic-

percent. Sales were driven by Enbrel for immune disorders, up 17 percent to \$1.08 billion, along with big jumps



Biotech drugmaker Amgen Inc. said Tuesday, Oct. 23, 2012, that its third-quarter profit more than doubled from a year ago, when a huge legal reserve charge weighed down results.

(AP Photo/Paul Sakuma)

es, including alleged kickbacks.

Revenue totaled \$4.32 billion, up 10 percent from \$3.94 billion and above estimates of \$4.24 billion.

Product sales increased 8

for most of the company's newest drugs, including Prolia for osteoporosis and Xgeva, a different dose of the same active ingredient that's for preventing fractures in cancerous bones.

But sales rose only 1 percent, to a total of \$1.4 billion, for the company's biggest franchise, Neulasta and Neupogen, for fighting infection in cancer patients, and Aranesp sales were down 17 percent to \$497 million.

The Thousand Oaks, California, company raised its 2012 profit forecast to \$6.50 to \$6.60 per share, excluding one-time items, up from \$6.20 to \$6.35. It also said it expects sales for the year to total \$17.2 billion to \$17.3 billion, up from its July forecast of \$16.9 billion and \$17.2 billion.

"We delivered solid growth in revenue and earnings," CEO Robert A. Bradway said in a statement. "Our marketed products are performing well and we continue to make progress with key pipeline projects." □

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Stocks sink as DuPont, Xerox, 3M scare investors

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NEW YORK (AP) — Nobody was expecting this round of corporate financial reports to be great. But underwhelming results — particularly revenue, which offers a read on the economy — are still rattling investors.

The Dow Jones industrial average plunged Tuesday to its lowest level in nearly seven weeks. Big-name companies reported weak quarterly revenue and lowered their forecasts for the rest of the year.

Since the end of the Great Recession, investors have rewarded companies for increasing profit, even if revenue growth has been unimpressive. And companies have turned in three years of growing profit.

But companies can squeeze profit many ways, including cost-cutting, and revenue offers a truer read on customer demand. That is on investors' minds as the world economy lumbers along.

And even the profit streak may be over. Financial analysts predicted that profit would fall at S&P 500 companies for July through September compared with the year before, which would end a three-year streak.

On Tuesday, the Dow sank as much as 262 points, or roughly 2 percent, before ending the day down 243.36 points to 13,102.53. The decline was the Dow's third-steepest this year.

Other indexes also fell sharply. The Standard & Poor's 500 index shed 20.71 points to 1,413.11, and the Nasdaq composite index lost 26.50 points to 2,990.46. The Nasdaq hadn't closed below 3,000 since Aug. 6.

Companies of all stripes sig-

naled that the economy is far from healed, and that demand is weaker than a year ago. Revenue fell compared with a year ago at DuPont, 3M, UPS and Xerox.

Because of their global footprints and variety of products and services, those companies augur how the world economy is performing.

Chemical maker DuPont said it will have to cut jobs

the S&P 500 had updated predictions for fourth-quarter results, according to researchers at S&P Capital IQ. Of those, 23 lowered their forecasts, and six kept them roughly the same. None said they were expecting things to be better than they already had predicted.

And of 123 companies in the S&P 500 that had reported as of Monday, only 38 percent beat expecta-

ment officer at Exencial Wealth Advisors in Oklahoma City, didn't think it was just soft results driving the market's plunge Tuesday. Analysts were already expecting lower revenue, so the weak results aren't a total surprise.

The financial results, Courtney said, are just a symptom of a bigger problem — a sputtering economy.

"They're using (earnings) as an excuse, but it's the broader issues that are driving it," Courtney said. "What's going to happen with the election, what's going to happen with the fiscal cliff? Europe is already in recession — are we going to go, too? That fear is driv-

ing a lot of the selling right now."

The so-called fiscal cliff is a combination of tax increases and government spending cuts that will take effect Jan. 1, and that could send the U.S. back into recession, unless Congress intervenes. DuPont, Xerox and 3M were among the worst-performing stocks in the S&P 500 on Tuesday. Some of the disappointing revenue is because of weakness in foreign markets. Multinational companies are having a hard time selling to Europe, which has been hobbled by recession, and emerging markets like China and India, where growth is slowing. □



Specialist John O'Hara works at his post on the floor of the New York Stock Exchange Tuesday, Oct. 23, 2012. Stocks plunged Wednesday, making it one of the worst days on Wall Street so far this year and sending the major indexes to their lowest levels since early September.

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and other expenses to make up for weak demand. 3M, which makes all manner of products including Scotch tape and coatings for LCD screens, cut its profit prediction for the year.

UPS, the world's largest package-delivery company, warned that the pace of global growth remains uneven. And Xerox said the "challenging economy" is causing "cost pressures for large enterprises and governments."

The rest of the year isn't looking great, either. Since early July, 29 companies in

tions on revenue, according to John Butters, senior earnings analyst at FactSet, a provider of financial data. That's far below the average of the past four years of about 56 percent. It's also the lowest proportion since the first quarter of 2009, when the stock market hit its lowest point of the Great Recession.

Companies have done better on profit: 67 percent have beat expectations so far, Butters said. But investors at the moment are more interested in revenue. Tim Courtney, chief invest-

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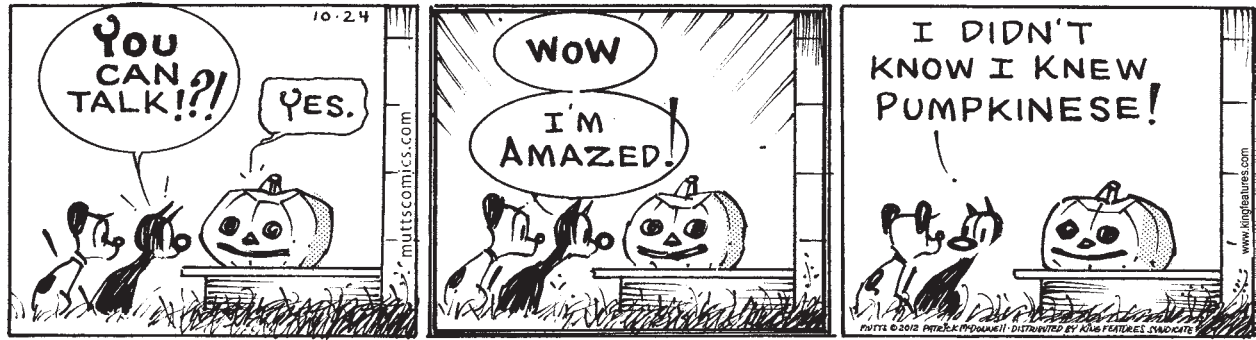
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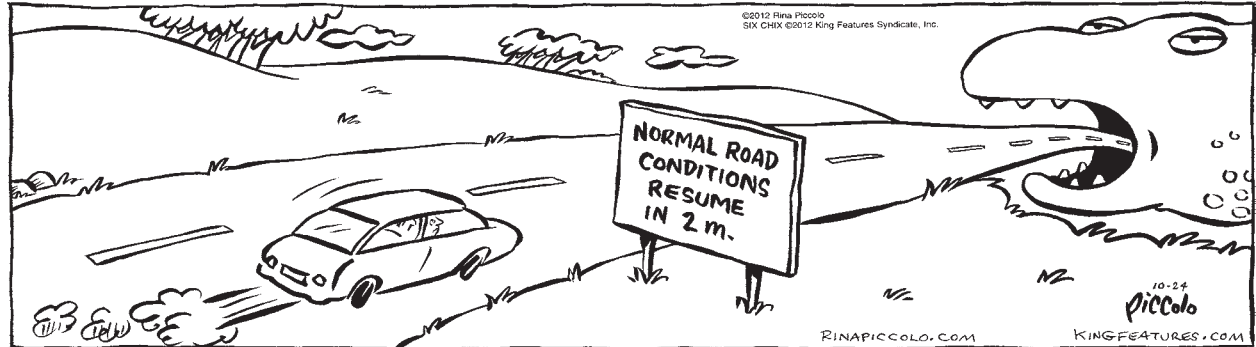
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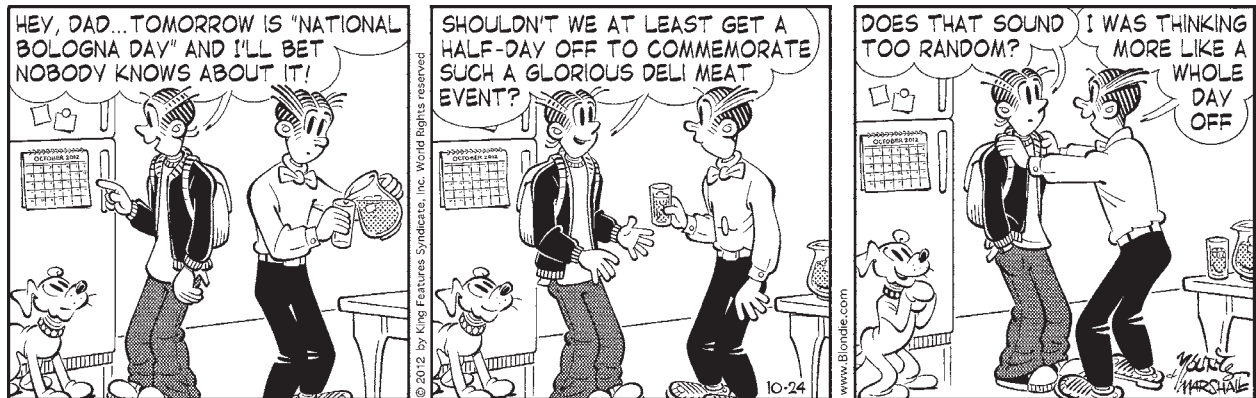
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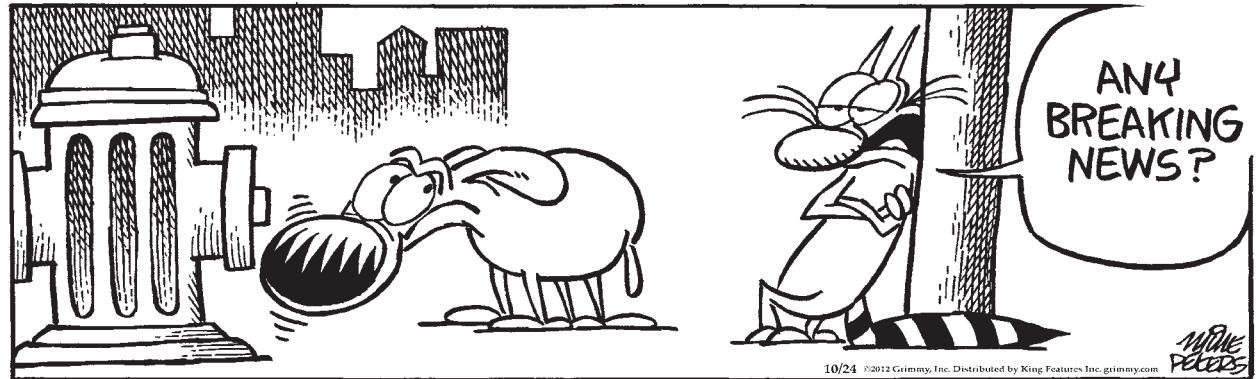
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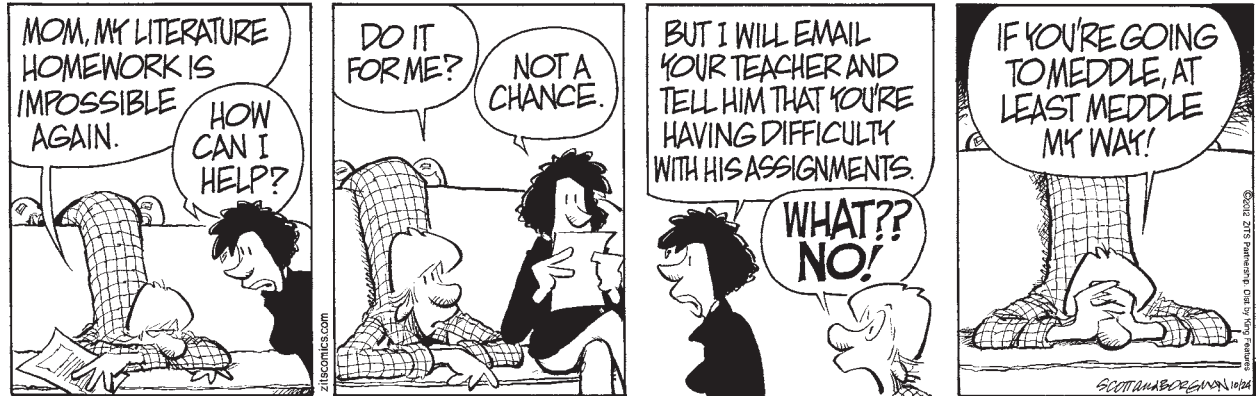
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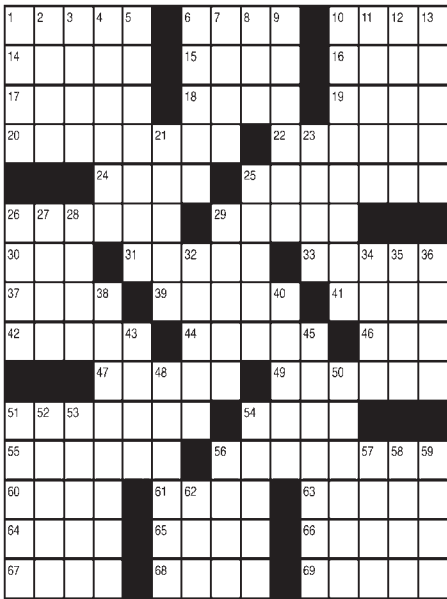
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Calorie-limited diet not working? Here's what to do



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Marjie Gilliam

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Q: I am 48 years old, have been on a 1,300-calories-per-day diet and have been doing cardio workouts most mornings since last December. I am 5 feet, 4 inches and weighed 140 pounds when I started. I have only lost four pounds since then. I feel so ravenous after exercise that I find that I can't stick to the 1,300 calories per day. I'm getting really frustrated!

A: Many factors determine how many calories should be consumed for weight loss, including your body type, exercise intensity and duration. Thirteen hundred calories is a tad bit on the low side for someone who is exercising, so it is possible that you may have inadvertently slowed down your metabolism.

If the body is consistently forced to survive with less food than it needs to function, then it will eventually adapt, and any calories above this amount will then be more likely stored as body fat rather than burned. Proper amounts of carbs, protein and fats are needed for continuing energy and cell regeneration, which spills over into how productive you are with workouts and everyday tasks. Eating too little compromises the body's ability to build and maintain muscle and bone tissue, as well as its ability to recover and repair itself as it should.

My advice would be to opt for ways to boost your

metabolism, burning extra calories through increased activity rather than deprive your body of essential nutrients. You didn't state whether you are doing any weight training. If not, this would be a very necessary step toward kick-starting your metabolism because it builds calorie-burning muscle. Cardiovascular exercise is important and will help with weight management, but if overdone, can actually waste muscle tissue, leading to a slower rate of fat burning.

As for diet, try to eat a small healthy meal every two to three hours, and make your pre-workout meal the biggest of the day. The idea is to avoid overeating when you know you are going to be less active, and properly fueling yourself when you know your energy needs are greatest. This will help to keep blood sugar steady and lead to more productive workouts and better results. Always allow time for the larger pre-workout meal to digest before exercising, typically about two hours. As an example, if you are a morning exerciser, the biggest meal would be breakfast. An example of a good breakfast would be eggs (mostly whites, limit to one yolk and check with your doctor if you have cholesterol issues). Egg whites have only have about 17 calories each and are a great source of protein. Include two servings of carbohydrates, as well, which could be a piece of fruit or 4 ounces of fruit juice, a slice of whole grain toast, or a serving of oatmeal. □

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Scientists making fishy robots for naval research

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Associated Press

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — An eel undulating through coastal waters, powered by batteries and checking for mines. A jellyfish is actually a surveillance robot, powered by the atoms around it. Fins pick up intelligence while propelling a robot bluegill sunfish.

The U.S. Office of Naval Research is supporting baby steps toward making those visions of the future a reality. For instance, the jellyfish work is focused on how the creatures move in water, and how to mimic or even surpass their abilities. The robojellyfish is currently tethered to hydrogen and oxygen tanks, and ONR project manager Robert Brizzolara said he doesn't plan to try making it move autonomously yet. There's plenty still to learn about basic hydrodynamics.

"We, as engineers, haven't created anything that swims nearly as well as a very basic fish," said Drexel University's James Tangorra, who is working on a robotic bluegill. Partners at Harvard and the University of Georgia are studying the actual fish; he uses their findings to engineer

imitations. "There are great things we can learn from fish ... The way they propel themselves; the way in which they sense water."

Ultimately, the Navy wants "the next generation of robotics that would operate in that very Navy-unique underwater domain," said Jim Fallin, a spokesman for Space and Naval Warfare Systems Center Pacific, which is doing separate work in San Diego. One aspect is finding long-lived power sources to let drones loiter a long time to collect information, he said.

Possible uses include spying, mapping and mine detection and removal.

The Navy is not the only agency paying for such research. In 2007, the Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency offered small business innovation research money for an underwater robot that could navigate rivers, inlets, harbors and coastal waters to check for general traffic, obstacles, things on and under the bottom and "specific vessels of interest."

The ONR studies are more basic. The grants aren't aimed as much at creating drones as at understanding how things move forward



Brandon Taravella, assistant professor of naval architecture and marine engineering, handles a prototype robotic eel inside the engineering building at the University of New Orleans Tuesday, Oct. 2, 2012 in New Orleans.

Associated Press

underwater, Brizzolara said. The Navy uses torpedo-shaped drones and tethered vehicles to detect mines and map the ocean floor. But propellers and jets can be easily tracked on radar and sonar. Robots modeled after water creatures could be both more efficient and harder to detect, and could move through perilous waters without endangering people, researchers say.

Research opened a robotics laboratory this year. A prototype dubbed Razor, developed at the Naval Undersea Warfare Center in Newport, Rhode Island, uses flippers for stealth. Like the jellyfish work and the University of Virginia studies on manta rays, the eel research at the University of New Orleans is all about hydrodynamics. The spark is UNO professor emeritus William Vorus' theory that sinuous undulations, though a slow way to

swim, should allow forward movement without creating a wake.

Brandon M. Taravella, who studied under Vorus and is now an assistant professor of naval architecture and marine engineering at UNO, sees the robot eel as a possible surveillance tool. But the Office of Naval Research's three-year, \$900,000 grant is focused on making an eel and seeing whether it can swim without disturbing the water around it.

Other scientists have checked real eels, Taravella said. "It's pretty high-efficient ... but still has some wake. That's why we're not dropping eels into the tank." Computer-generated models indicate just how a robot eel should move to get through the water without any drag. Creating one to do that is far from easy.

Like many of the other projects, this one is still in early stages. Most of the time, the nameless first-year prototype is hooked onto a metal pole called a mast, which is attached to sensors on a platform pulled by metal cables from one end of a towing tank to the other.

At the end of one session half of its batteries were removed and it was set into the water for a free swim toward the platform. When it hit one side or headed under the platform, Taravella and graduate student Baker Potts guided it back by sticking canoe paddles in its way.

"This time it tracked straighter a lot better ... Remember? It was going in circles," said Potts.

Taravella said, "Year 2, we're hoping to have it remote controlled.□

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Fans still wild for Stones at new doc premiere

ADAM EGAN
Associated Press

LONDON (AP) — Keith Richards has had a lot of rock 'n' roll moments. He didn't expect another one at the premiere of The Rolling Stones' new documentary



In this undated photo provided by Sotheby's Auction House in New York, "The Scream," by Norwegian painter Edvard Munch is shown.

Associated Press

Munch's 'The Scream' going on view in New York

NEW YORK (AP) — The Museum of Modern Art in New York City is presenting a special six-month exhibition of Edvard Munch's "The Scream," which sold for nearly \$120 million at auction.

The painting is the most expensive artwork ever sold at auction. It was purchased by an anonymous private collector at Sotheby's in May.

Munch created four versions of "The Scream" between 1893 and 1910. This is the only one in private hands. The others are in Norwegian museums. The image of a man holding his head screaming under a streaked, blood-red sky has become a modern symbol of human anxiety.

The exhibition opens on Wednesday and will run through April 29. □

"Crossfire Hurricane."

The film directed by Brett Morgen and produced by Mick Jagger debuted last Thursday at the London Film Festival and hundreds of fans turned out to catch a glimpse. Guitarist Keith Richards called the reception "overwhelming."

"I did not expect Leicester Square to be going bananas, do you know what I mean?" Richards said. "It was quite, it was heartwarming to say the least, especially walking out you felt you were still in the movie. Take 2."

The Stones will celebrate the 50th anniversary of one of rock 'n' roll's cornerstone acts later this year with Nov. 25 and 29 shows in London and Dec. 13 and 15 shows in Newark, N.J. Guitarist Ronnie

Wood hinted at Thursday's premiere that things are going so well in rehearsals the band could simply just keep going after finishing those gigs. The group has not played together live in five years, so the gigs will likely add another chapter to the already historic run chronicled in "Crossfire Hurricane." Morgen mixes archival early Stones footage with fresh interviews with current members Jagger, Richards, Woods and Charlie Watts and former members Billy Wyman and Mick Taylor. Members of the band had different reactions. Woods said he had to keep reminding himself he's actually in the band he was watching a movie about. And Richards acknowledged "those were the days, my friend." □



Songwriter David Porter, right, laughs as Memphis Mayor A C Wharton Jr. talks about Porter's new national music mentorship program on Tuesday, Oct. 23, 2012 in Memphis, Tenn.

Porter starts music mentorship program

By ADRIAN SAINZ
Associated Press

MEMPHIS, Tenn. (AP) — Memphis will now be the home of a national program deploying music industry veterans to mentor young and up-and-coming musicians.

David Porter, the songwriter who co-wrote such classics as "Soul Man" and "Hold on I'm Comin'," announced the program Tuesday in Memphis. He

said the initiative to develop a talent pool of new musicians is called "The Consortium MMT" — the acronym standing for "Memphis Music Town." The program seeks to nurture successful professional musicians to help restore Memphis' reputation as a capital of soul music, said Porter, who wrote for artists recording with the famed Stax Records. □



From left, Mick Jagger, Ronnie Wood, Keith Richards and Charlie Watts, of The Rolling Stones, pose at the London Film Festival American Express Gala for "Crossfire Hurricane" at Odeon West End on Thursday October 18, 2012 in London.

Associated Press



Haiti's President Michel Martelly is flanked by Haiti's new goodwill ambassadors, actress Maria Bello, left, and former government official Danielle Saint Lot at a ceremony in their honor at the National Palace in Port-au-Prince, Haiti, Tuesday, Oct. 23, 2012.

Associated Press

Haiti honors Maria Bello for her women's advocacy

PORT-AU-PRINCE, Haiti (AP)

— Haiti's President Michel Martelly honored Maria Bello on Tuesday for her advocacy work on behalf of the Caribbean country's women.

The star of "Coyote Ugly" and "A History of Violence" was named goodwill ambassador for women at a special ceremony on the grounds of the National Palace.

Bello spoke about how a group of women in a displacement camp organized themselves after the 2010 earthquake.

"I'm very fortunate to be in the position where I can hear your voices and tell the world what you have

to say," Bello told an audience at the Palace as Martelly stood at her side. Bello, co-founder of women's grassroots group We Advance, will join the ranks of other Hollywood celebrities in Haiti who have received similar recognition for their charity work after the quake. They include actor Sean Penn, hip-hop star Wyclef Jean and Czech supermodel Petra Nemcova.

The ceremony also recognized the work of Danielle Saint Lot. The former government official is a long-time women's activist and was named an ambassador to find funding for women's causes. □

De Niro, Gere, Affleck feted at early film awards



Robert De Niro, left, recipient of the Hollywood Supporting Actor Award, David O. Russell, center, recipient of the Hollywood Director Award, and Bradley Cooper, recipient of the Hollywood Actor Award, pose together at the 16th Annual Hollywood Film Awards Gala on Monday, Oct. 22, 2012, in Beverly Hills, Calif. Russell directed De Niro and Cooper in the forthcoming film "Silver Linings Playbook."

Associated Press

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BEVERLY HILLS, California

(AP) — Hollywood warmed up for its awards season with a love fest that recognized top actors and directors for films that haven't been released yet.

Robert De Niro, Bradley Cooper, director David O. Russell and writer-director Quentin Tarantino were among the honorees Monday at the 16th annual Hollywood Film Awards, which bills itself as "the official launch of awards season." The event recognizes films that are likely positioned as awards contenders, such as Tarantino's anticipated "Django Unchained."

In accepting his award for screenwriter of the year, Tarantino remarked that it was strange to get an award for a film he's still working on, but added that he could use it as ammunition to defend long dialogue scenes during the editing process.

"I'll be able to say, hey, you want to take a line out of my AWARD-WINNING screenplay?" he joked.

Seth Rogen presented the comedy award to writer-

director Judd Apatow, whose film "This Is 40" opens at Christmastime.

"Perhaps the most amazing thing about this awards show tonight is that none of these movies have come out yet," Rogen said. "I haven't even heard of some of these movies yet. That's how far out they are. 'It's nice because it kind of feels like these are the new Golden Globes,'" Rogen continued. "No one knows what it is. Who voted for this?" Festival founders say the awards are based on "bodies of work and/or a film or films released during the calendar year."

"No one has seen my movie," Apatow said as he accepted his trophy. "This is just based on an assumption that it's good."

De Niro, Cooper and Russell were honored for "Silver Linings Playbook," set for release later this year.

Other honorees at the starry dinner at the Beverly Hilton Hotel included Ben Affleck and the cast of "Argo," Amy Adams, Dustin Hoffman and Marion Cotillard. Richard Gere received a lifetime achievement award. □



This film image released by Sony Pictures shows Javier Bardem in a scene from the film "Skyfall." Bardem portrays, Raoul Silva, one of the finest arch-enemies in the 50-year history of Bond films.

Associated Press

As a Bond villain, Javier Bardem gives 'Skyfall' a jolt

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AP Entertainment Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — In one long take, Javier Bardem grandly strides into the latest James Bond film.

Walking slowly across a cavernous lair and toward a foreground where Daniel Craig's 007 sits tied to a chair, Bardem — as the film's villain, Raoul Silva — tells an ominously symbolic story about rats. Resembling something like a sinister Dick Cavett, Bardem, with wavy blond hair and a white jacket, crouches near Bond and suggestively, intimidatingly rubs his thigh.

It comes as little surprise that Bardem as a Bond villain is a lot of fun. In "Skyfall," he provides one of the finest arch-enemies in the 50-year history of Bond films, and plays him as a distinctly more human character than the franchise has often provided — even if with a dose of flamboyance.

"The key point for me was what (director Sam Mendes) told me from the very beginning: the word 'uncomfortableness,'" Bardem said in a recent interview. "I don't want him to be someone that threatens somebody, that's threatening to someone. It's about creating a very uncomfortable situation every time he talks to somebody else."

The 43-year-old Spanish actor is already widely admired by his peers and film critics, having won an Oscar in 2007 for another interestingly coiffured villain, Anton Chigurh in "No Country for Old Men," and been nominated two other times: for his breakthrough performance in Julian Schnabel's "Before Night Falls" (2000) and for his soulful, melancholy turn in Alejandro Gonzalez Inarritu's "Biutiful" (2010).

But "Skyfall" is Bardem's largest film yet, the kind of blockbuster behemoth that usually gives little room for even the finest actors to flex their muscles. Yet, rather than be constrained by the Bond movie archetype, Bardem manages to put forth a performance just as nuanced as those in smaller, more deliberately arty films. "I've never done a movie as big as James Bond, so I didn't how a big monster like this would affect my work on set," says Bardem. "It was a great gift of finding myself in a very, very creative process."

It was Craig who first reached out to Bardem while casually chatting at an event in Los Angeles. Bardem, intrigued, replied that the prospect sounded "pretty cool." He was later convinced after reading the script and finding: "Wow. There's a person

here."

"I'm in awe of the guy," says Craig. "He's a passionate kind of creature where everything he does on screen is mesmerizing and electrifying. He put in levels of interest, made it real, but didn't forget he was playing a Bond villain — which is a clever actor knowing full well he's got to play it straight, kind of, and then remember what he's doing."

Just how "straight" Bardem's Silva is has been a question eagerly debated by 007 fans, with some calling him the first gay Bond villain. That's probably overstating it (and what do we really know about Odd-job's private life, besides) but Silva's effeteness, along with his sensitivity and sense of humor, make him an unusually layered bad guy.

"Doing a Bond movie affords you that kind of flamboyance that you can't get in purely naturalistic movies," says Mendes. "As an actor, you get an opportunity to do things that, frankly, are hovering a foot above the ground. They're not rooted in reality. Javier always has a slight theatricality about him, which we just tweaked in this movie." It was a considerably different process for Bardem than playing the Cormac McCarthy-penned villain of "No Country." □

Heated In Florida



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So that's it? The last of the presidential debates? No, no, no. I'm already in mourning, can't quiet my hankering for more and am not being remotely sarcastic. In a political culture as stage-managed, focus-grouped and air-brushed as ours, these debates gave us rare moments of rawness, not to mention Big Bird.

Monday night's face-off in Boca Raton was no exception. Any worry that the designated focus on foreign policy would tilt this encounter in a cerebral rather than visceral direction was dispelled almost instantly. Within minutes the candidates were sharply talking over each other, and President Barack Obama, banishing his debacle in Denver once and for all, issued a denunciation of Mitt Romney more sweeping than any from the previous two presidential debates.

Turning toward his opponent, Obama said, "You seem to want to import the foreign policies of the 1980s, just like the social policies of the 1950s and the economic policies of the 1920s." Romney smiled a thin and brittle smile: "Attacking me is not an agenda." It was as good an answer as any, but he had an odd color and an odder sheen, that of a man without Dramamine on a rickety boat in threatening seas.

Obama repeatedly reminded television viewers that he alone was familiar with the responsibilities of the commander in chief. He clearly wanted Romney's experience as a mere governor to sound, in comparison, like a job running a curbside lemonade stand.

And though Romney perspired and occasionally stammered, he wouldn't surrender. He insisted that al-Qaida wasn't really "on the run." He claimed – yet again – that Obama had begun his presidency with "an apology tour," and faulted him for skipping Israel. It was a barb tailor-made for Florida's many Jewish voters. Foreign policy is not at the top of voters' concerns, so both candidates demonstrated a comic eagerness to build an oratorical bridge from Tripoli to Toledo, Ohio, the debate becoming a contest of how frequently each candidate could beat a path from northern Africa and the Middle East back home.

Thus they sparred over education, food stamps, Obama's unbalanced budgets, Romney's unspecific tax plan and even Solyndra. We weren't in Libya anymore.

In aggregate these presidential debates gave us sublime drama, the first one scrambling the

race's momentum, the second one flavored with enough reciprocal disdain to fill a "Real Housewives" season, and Monday night's reprising that ill without quite replicating it. Romney wasn't as truculent as he'd been, ceding the part of bully to Obama, who gladly took it on, too arrogantly at times.

His mantra of "not true," "not true" from the prior debate was replaced by "all over the map," "all over the map," a dismissal of Romney's positions as undependable.

These debates did in fact give us truth. I don't mean that the candidates themselves spoke honestly. Hardly. In fact we should pause for a second to note how sad it is that we've come to regard a post-debate fact-check – a report card on who told the most and biggest whoppers – as an inevitable and unremarkable part of the process. In campaigns these days, dishonesty is both an art form and a given.

But the debates revealed each candidate for who he really is: the good, the bad and the binders. Although the two men armed themselves with practiced soliloquies and prefabricated expressions, there was something about the physical proximity of an opponent that scrubbed off even the thickest varnish.

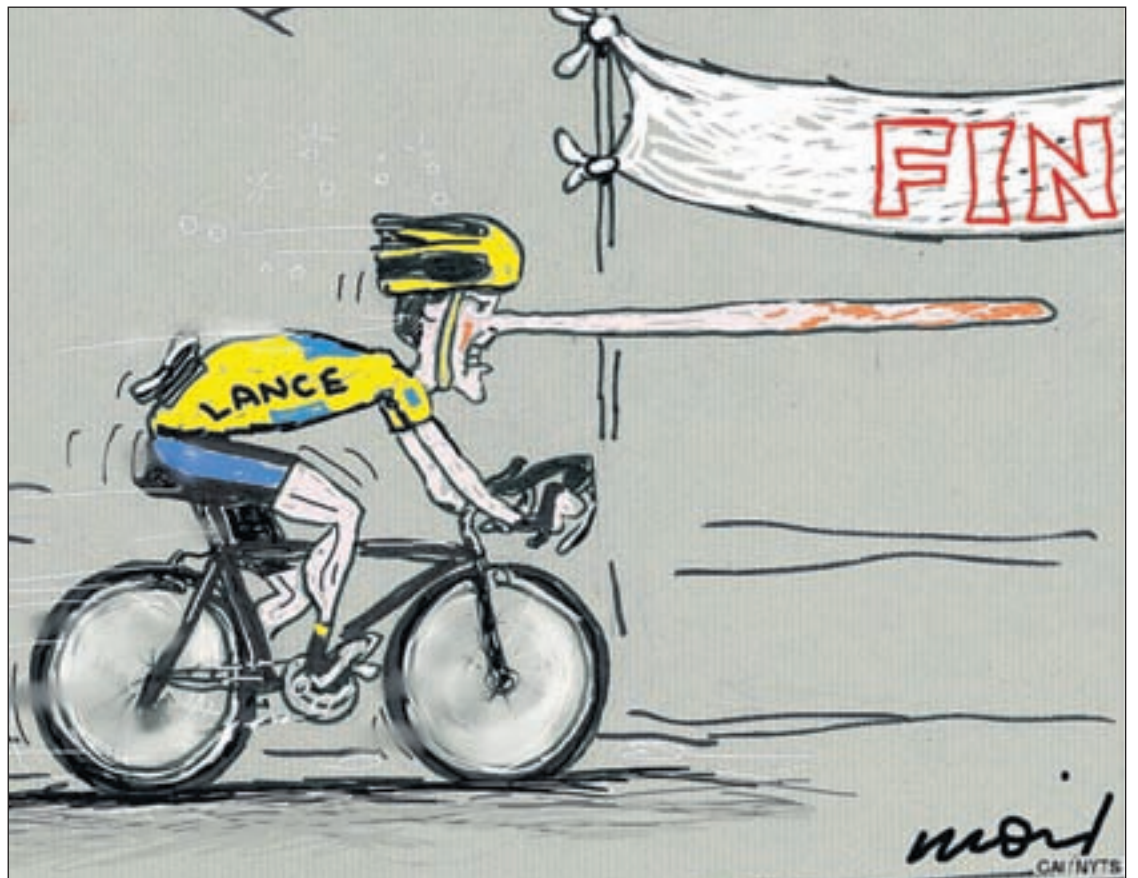
We saw Obama's aloofness and distaste for the more superficial aspects of politics. But we also saw his resilience.

The debates enabled Romney, at long last, to show Americans his persuasiveness. But he also exhibited his prickliness – "Candy! Candy!" – when he doesn't get his way.

I not only reveled in these oddities but returned to them, fishing out the transcripts and rereading bits, like Obama's let's-measure-our-pensions put-down. On YouTube I revisited the laugh factory that was Joe Biden, who went through all the existing facial expressions for disbelief and derision and then went on to invent another dozen.

In my head I replayed my favorite post-debate analysis: Al Gore's wondering if the altitude in Denver had incapacitated Obama; one Republican strategist's description of that Obama performance and Biden's subsequent mania as a "sleepy cop/crystal-meth cop" routine. The debates were the mothers of some highly inventive wordplay. They were also a study in moderation, and I'm not referring to Mitt's. I'm referring to Jim & Martha & Candy & Bob. I'm considering a come-as-your-favorite-moderator Halloween party, and while I thought Bob Schieffer did well Monday night, I'm leaning toward a Candy costume myself, in tribute to her moxie. Debate overlords intended to muffle the moderator's role in the town-hall format, and asked her to impersonate a potted plant.

So she did: a Venus flytrap. That's horticulture you can believe in. □



The Secret Of Our Non-Success



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The U.S. economy finally seems to be recovering in earnest, with housing on the rebound and job creation outpacing growth in the working-age population. But the news is good, not great – it will still take years to restore full employment – and it has been a very long time coming. Why has the slump been so protracted? The answer – backed by overwhelming evidence – is that this is what normally happens after a severe financial crisis. But Mitt Romney's economic team rejects that evidence. And this denialism bodes ill for policy if Romney wins next month.

About the evidence: The most famous study is by Harvard's Carmen Reinhart and Kenneth Rogoff, who looked at past financial crises and found that such crises are typically followed by years of high unemployment and weak growth. Later work by economists at the International Monetary Fund and elsewhere confirmed this analysis: Crises that followed a sharp run-up in private-sector debt, from the U.S. Panic of 1893 to the Swedish banking crisis of the early 1990s, cast long shadows over the economy's future. There was no reason to believe that this time would be different.

This isn't an after-the-fact rationalization. The Reinhart-Rogoff "aftermath" paper was released almost four years ago. And a number of other economists, including, well, me, issued

similar warnings. In early 2008 I was already pointing out the distinction between recessions like 1973-75 or 1981-82, brought on by high interest rates, and "post-modern" recessions brought on by private-sector overreach. And I suggested that the recession we were then entering would be followed by a prolonged "jobless recovery" that would feel like a continuing recession.

Why is recovery from a financial crisis slow? Financial crises are preceded by credit bubbles; when those bubbles burst, many families and/or companies are left with high levels of debt, which force them to slash their spending. This slashed spending, in turn, depresses the economy as a whole.

And the usual response to recession, cutting interest rates to encourage spending, isn't adequate. Many families simply can't spend more, and interest rates can be cut only so far – namely, to zero but not below.

Does this mean that nothing can be done to avoid a protracted slump after a financial crisis? No, it just means that you have to do more than just cut interest rates. In particular, what the economy really needs after a financial crisis is a temporary increase in government spending, to sustain employment while the private sector repairs its balance sheet. And the Obama administration did some of that, blunting the severity of the financial crisis. Unfortunately, the stimulus was both too small and too short-lived, partly because of administration errors but mainly because of scorched-earth Republican obstruction.

Which brings us to the politics. Over the past few months advisers to the Romney campaign have mounted a furious assault on the notion that financial-crisis recessions are different. For example, in July former Sen. Phil Gramm and Columbia's R.

Glenn Hubbard published an op-ed article claiming that we should be having a recovery comparable to the bounce-back from the 1981-82 recession, while a white paper from Romney advisers argues that the only thing preventing a rip-roaring boom is the uncertainty created by President Barack Obama.

Obviously, Republicans like claiming that it's all Obama's fault, and that electing Romney would magically make everything better. But nobody should believe them.

For one thing, these people have a track record: Back in 2008, when serious students of history were already predicting a prolonged slump, Gramm was dismissing America as a "nation of whiners" experiencing a mere "mental recession." For another, if Obama is the problem, why is the United States actually doing better than most other advanced countries?

The main point, however, is that the Romney team is willfully, nakedly, distorting the record, leading Reinhart and Rogoff – who aren't affiliated with either campaign – to protest against "gross misinterpretations of the facts." And this should worry you. Look, economics isn't as much of a science as we'd like. But when there's overwhelming evidence for an economic proposition – as there is for the proposition that financial-crisis recessions are different – we have the right to expect politicians and their advisers to respect that evidence. Otherwise, they'll end up making policy based on fantasies rather than grappling with reality.

And once politicians start refusing to acknowledge inconvenient facts, where does it stop? Why, the next thing you know Republicans will start rejecting the overwhelming evidence for man-made climate change. Oh, wait. □

Watching US presidential race, world looks inward



Germans eat breakfast while watching coverage of the U.S. presidential debate on television in Breitenbrunn, Germany, Oct. 23, 2012. How other countries have covered the U.S. race often tells as much as they feel about themselves, as it does how they perceive the American political process.
(Gordon Welters/The New York Times)

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MOSCOW – For weeks, coverage of the U.S. presidential race in Russia's state-controlled media has been obscured by a layer of derision, cast by top commentators as a mudslinging brawl or a "beauty contest" in which indistinguishable candidates vie for the loyalty of voting blocs, "some who love ample, fatty brunettes – and some preferring skinny anorexics." But for those who believed that Russia had nothing at stake, Monday's televised debate served to concentrate the mind. By lunchtime on Tuesday, a top analyst had rendered his verdict in the newspaper *Izvestiya*: If Mitt Romney wins, Fyodor Lukyanov wrote, "it's not that relations between Russia and the United States will be spoiled – they will halt. And they will not exist for a long time."

As the race between Romney and President Barack Obama rounds its last curve, the world is watch-

ing – and how other countries have covered the race often tells as much about how they feel about themselves as it does about how they perceive the American political process.

Japanese reporters have followed candidates on the campaign trail, scrutinizing their tactics as a blueprint for the vibrant two-party system Japan would like to build. Brazilian commentators, drawing on their familiarity with American cultural icons, are poring over details – expressing shock, for example, at Romney's idea of ending the subsidy for PBS, whose *Big Bird* is fondly called *Garibaldo* in Brazil's version of "Sesame Street." In other countries, like Russia and China, coverage has been muted, reflecting both wariness about Romney's hawkish rhetoric and disappointment with the four-year arc of Obama's foreign policy. Indeed, disillusionment has tempered news coverage in many countries – even Germany, a nation addicted to American political arcana. In contrast with 2008, when coverage of the Democratic primaries was breathless, front-page news all over Germany, this season's analysis has been sober and far less enthusiastic.

"Everyone was asking in



A man eats lunch in a bar as the U.S. presidential debate is played on a television in Sao Paulo, Oct. 23, 2012. How other countries have covered the U.S. race often tells as much as they feel about themselves, as it does how they perceive the American political process.

(Lalo de Almeida/The New York Times)

2008, 'Where is the German Obama?'" said Christoph von Marschall, Washington bureau chief for Germany's daily *Tagesspiegel* newspaper. "Nobody asks this anymore. Obama is no longer the messiah. He is also just a politician, a normal and sometimes nasty politician."

In Japan, by comparison, major newspapers and television news run daily stories on the campaign, pointing out the candidates' missteps and setbacks with analysis that would seem zealous in American outlets. Their enthusiasm is largely practical. Three years ago, a historic election ended 57 years of one-party rule in

Japan, and its leaders are searching for a model for a two-party system.

Though commentators are critical of aspects of American campaigning, like attack ads, the competitive political system is still viewed positively in Japan, and readers lap up fine-grained details about exercises like party primaries. The raw verbal sparring on televised debates is the subject of particular fascination, in part because such direct personal attacks are foreign to Japan's restrained, self-deprecating political culture. "The whole world is watching the election of the superpower," the *Mainichi Shimbun*, one of Japan's biggest dailies, said recently in an editorial. "We expect an energetic

out via blogs and social media – Brazil ranks second after the United States in users of both Facebook and Twitter – and news outlets, agitated over the fate of *Big Bird*, seemed relieved when the Obama campaign released ads attacking Romney for suggesting that PBS could be defunded.

Though Latin America has barely figured as a topic in the campaign, Brazilians are gripped with fascination as the race moves into its final days with the two candidates in a dead heat. An influential political columnist, Elio Gaspari, on Sunday dissected a chain of events in which Romney and Obama split the Electoral College with 269 votes each, sending the race to a vote in the House of Representatives. That way, he wrote, Romney can win the presidency even if Obama wins the popular vote.

"American democracy will look terrible in that light," he wrote.

That sense of drama is not reaching Chinese viewers. Though the main national television channel, CCTV, has opened a large new bureau in Washington, the presidential race has not been given much prominence in news reports, and no Chinese reporters have been out on the campaign trail.

This is partly a matter of timing; Election Day in the United States comes just two days before the opening of the all-important 18th Communist Party Congress, which will usher in a new set of leaders in the second peaceful transfer of power in China's Communist era. The capital is consumed with its own internal political jockeying, and there is little sense of how the top government leaders view Romney and Obama.

The campaign has drawn interest among Chinese who have frequent contact with Americans. Students and young workers say they are fascinated with the open debate, and what seem like major differences between the two major parties. □

battle of words on such issues as" the dispute with China over islands in the East China Sea. But if they were waiting for rigorous discussion of issues of regional interest, Japanese newspapers have seemed disappointed so far.

"In contrast to the ferocity of their verbal give-and-take, the debates have left those of us outside the United States feeling dissatisfied," the *Nishi Nippon Shimbun* said in an editorial on Thursday.

Brazilian correspondents have fanned out to Colorado, Nevada and New Hampshire, offering daily coverage of every shift in the polls.

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